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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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**A DOUBLE-SIZED
HIGH VOLTAGE
THRILLER**

FEATURING

**SPIDEY'S
FIGHT TO THE
FINISH WITH THE**

AWESOME

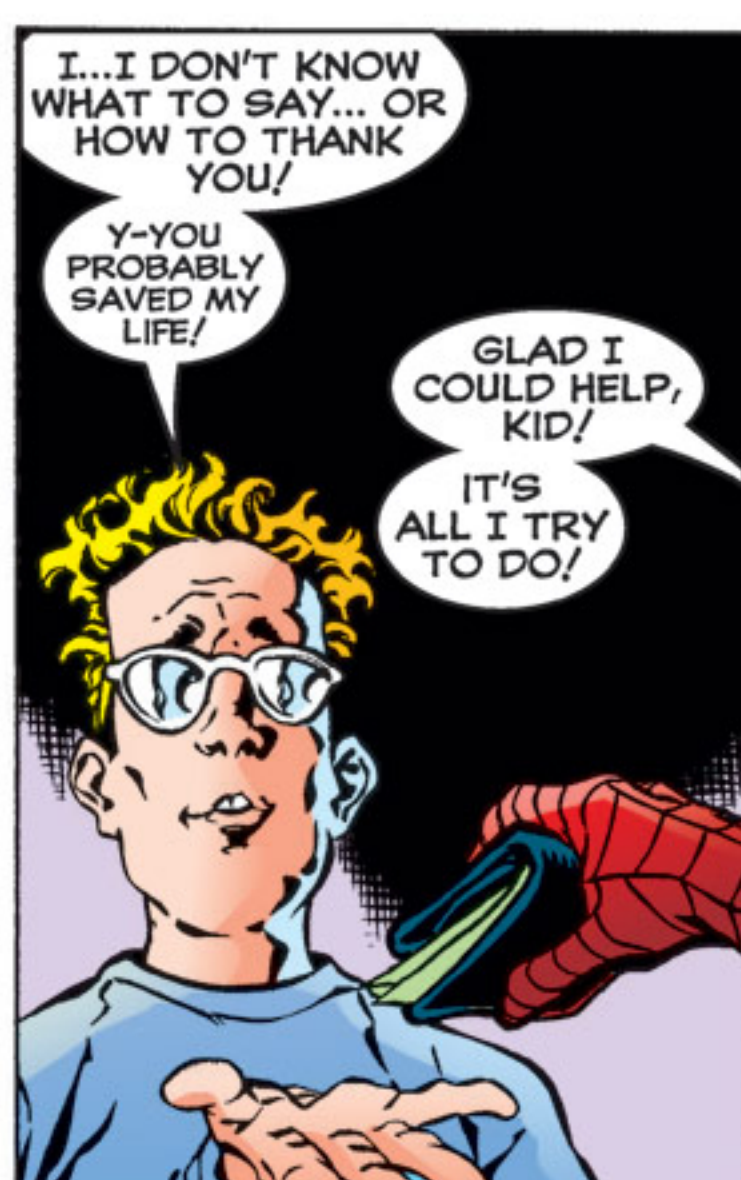
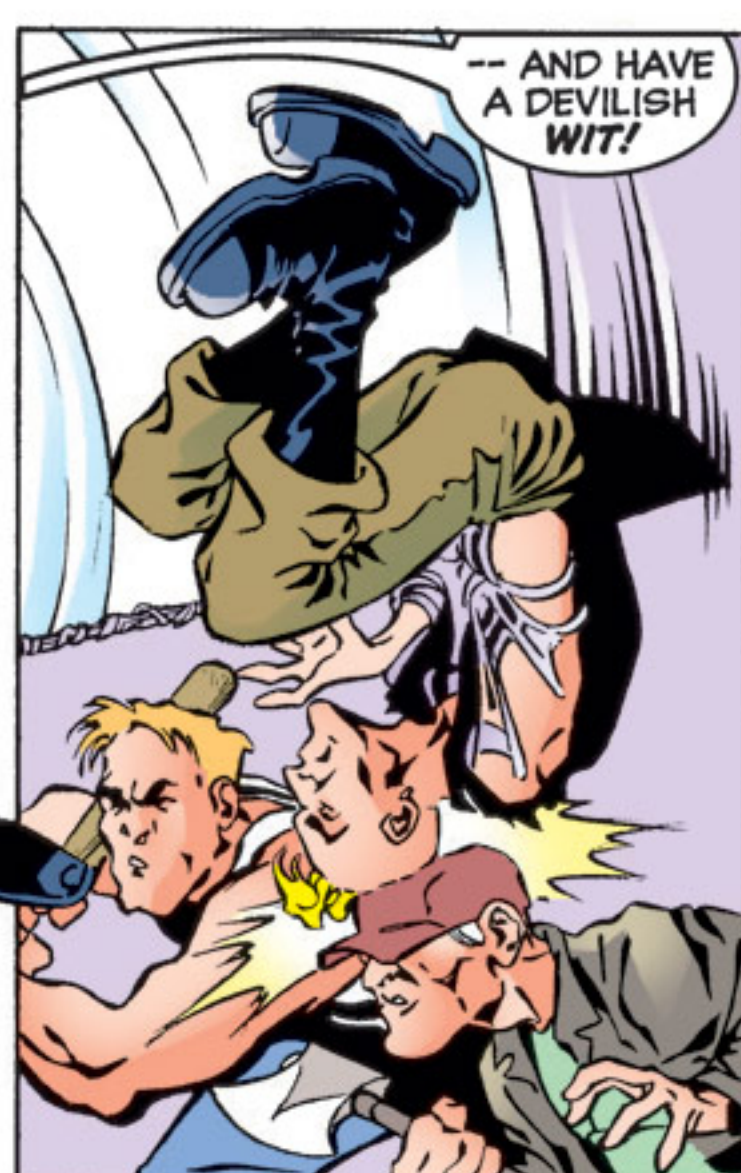
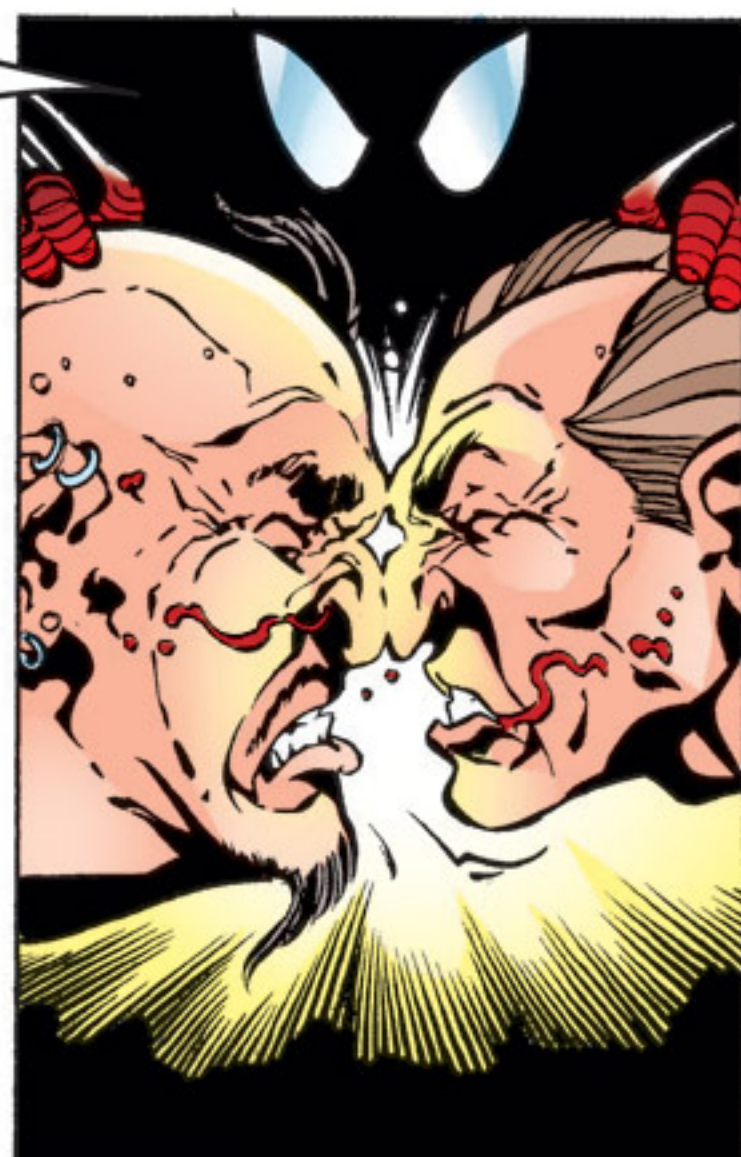
ELECTRO!

**GUEST-
STARRING**

X-MAN

Featuring
**YOUR NEW GUIDE
TO THE MARVEL
UNIVERSE!**

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The CHUMP, The CHALLENGE And The CHAMPION!

Oh, MAA-ANN! SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'S TIME I HELPED MYSELF, AND HEADED HOME.

I'M EXHAUSTED! I'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT -- CRISSCROSSING THE ENTIRE CITY IN THE DESPERATE HOPE OF GETTING A LINE ON ELECTRO!

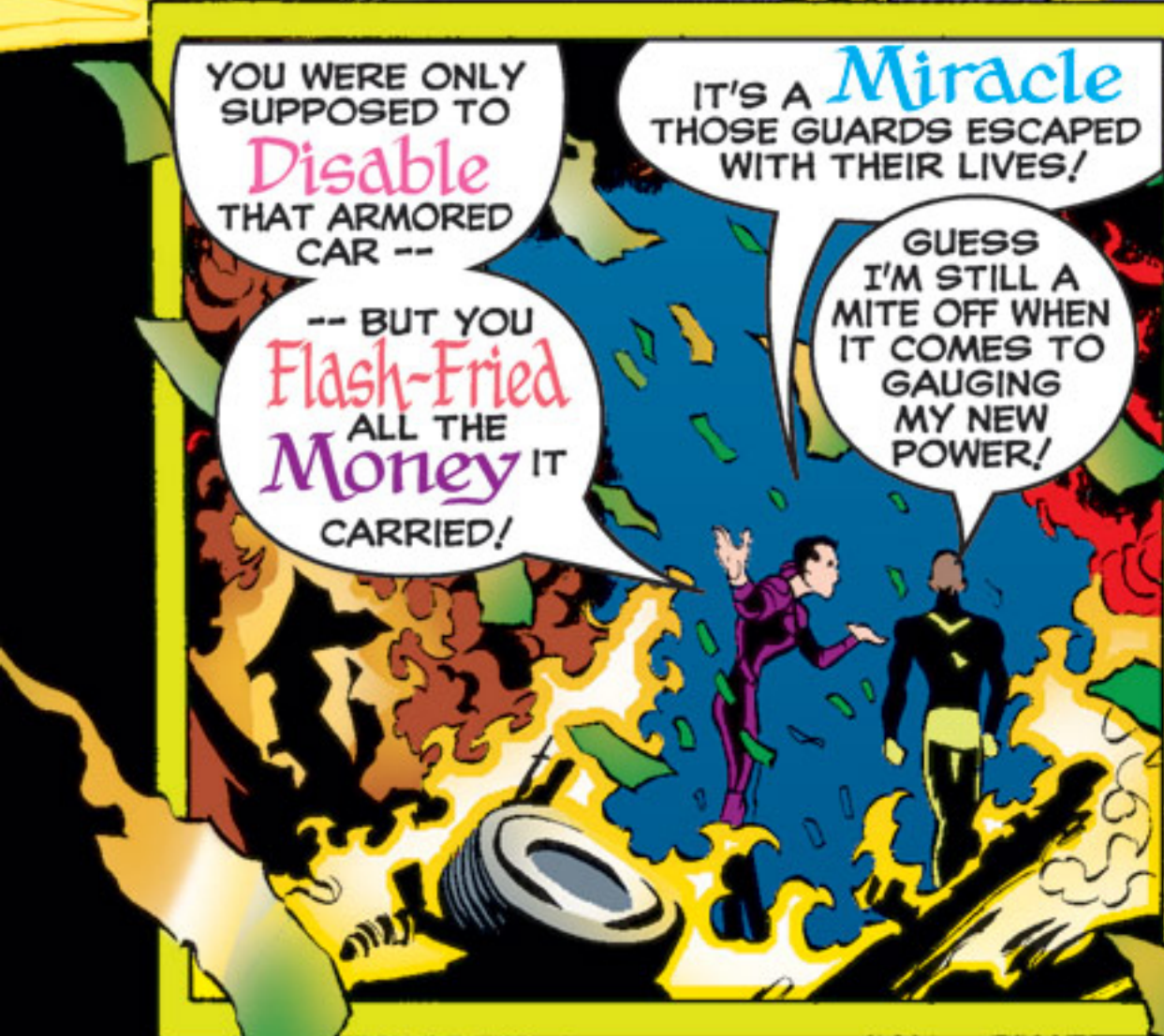
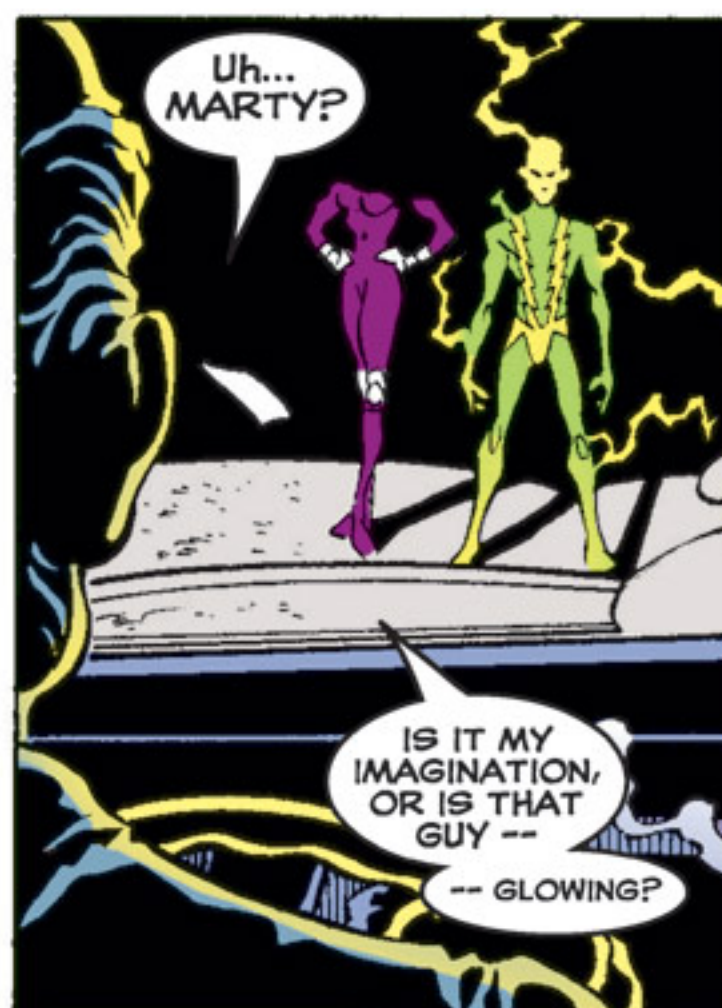
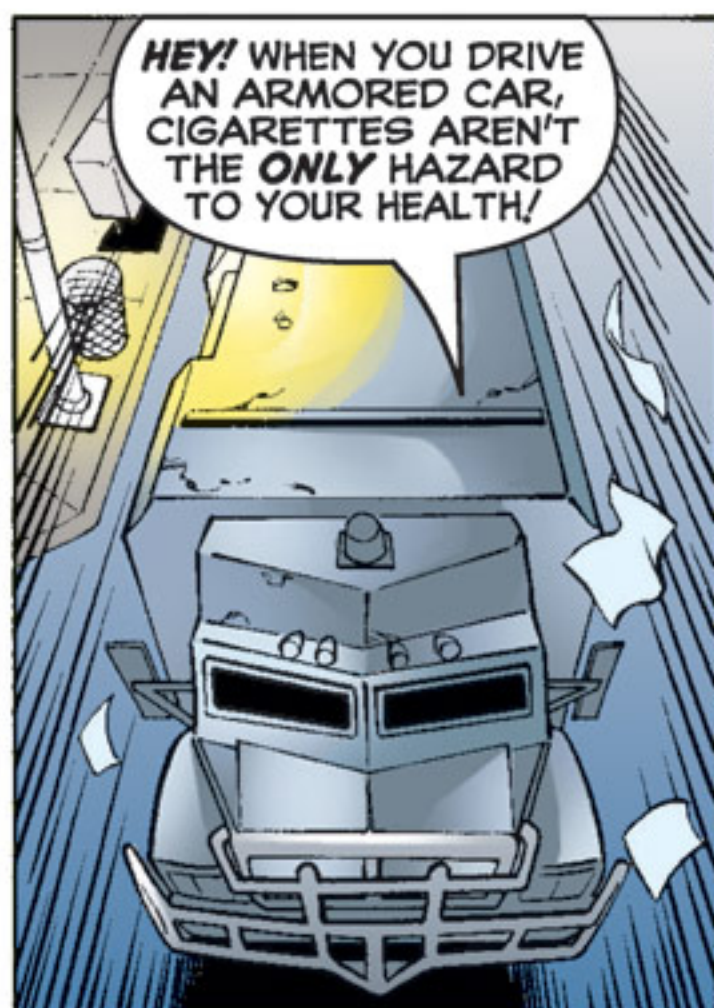
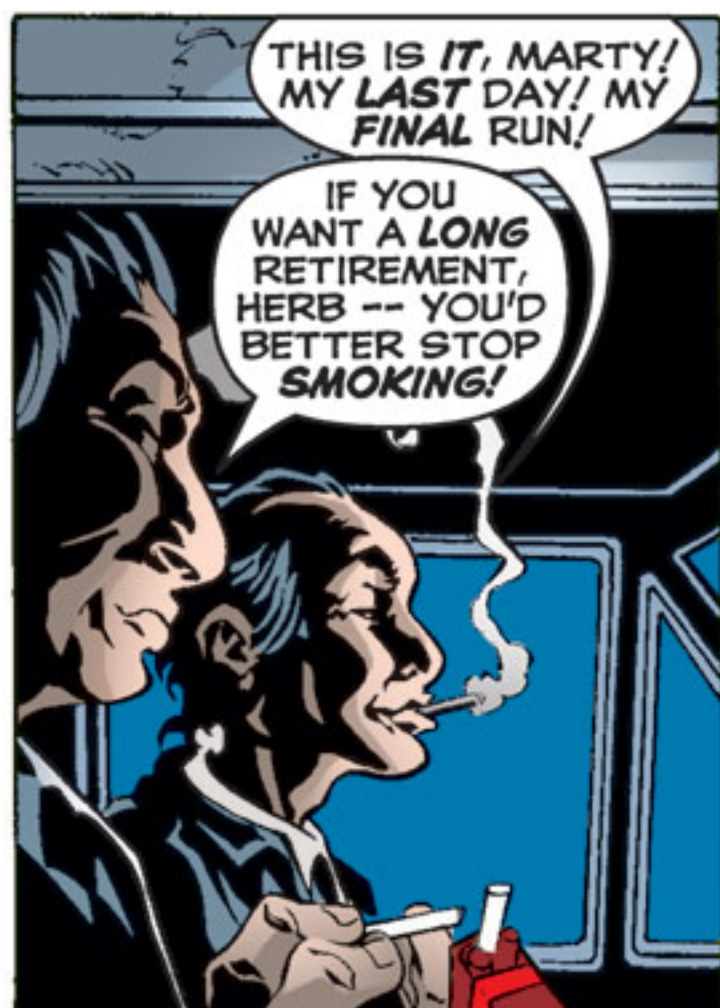
THE SELF-PROCLAIMED MASTER OF ELECTRICITY RECENTLY SUPER-CHARGED HIMSELF... AND KICKED MY WEB-COVERED BUTT!

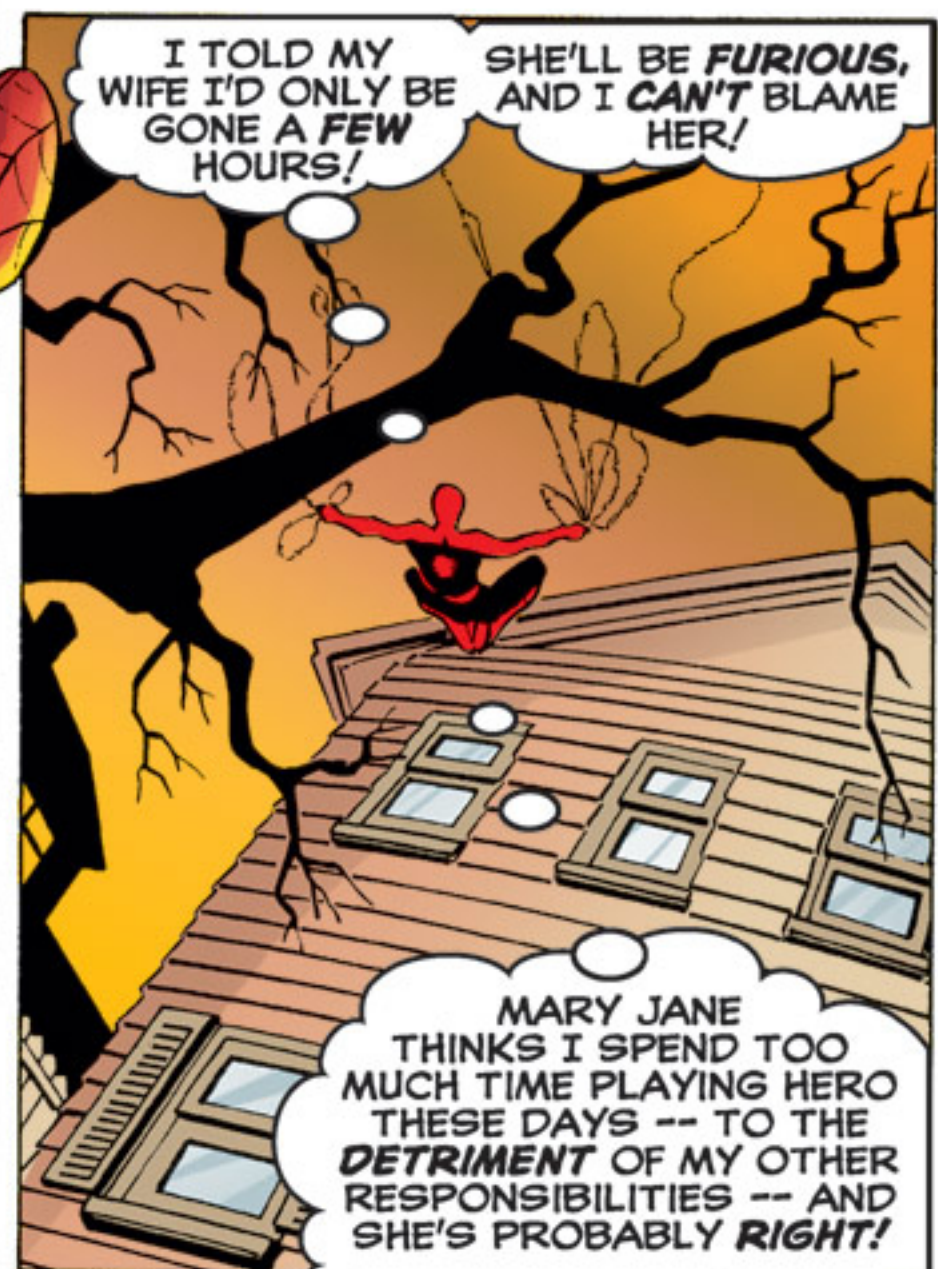
I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM! THOUGH HE'S KEPT A LOW PROFILE FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS --

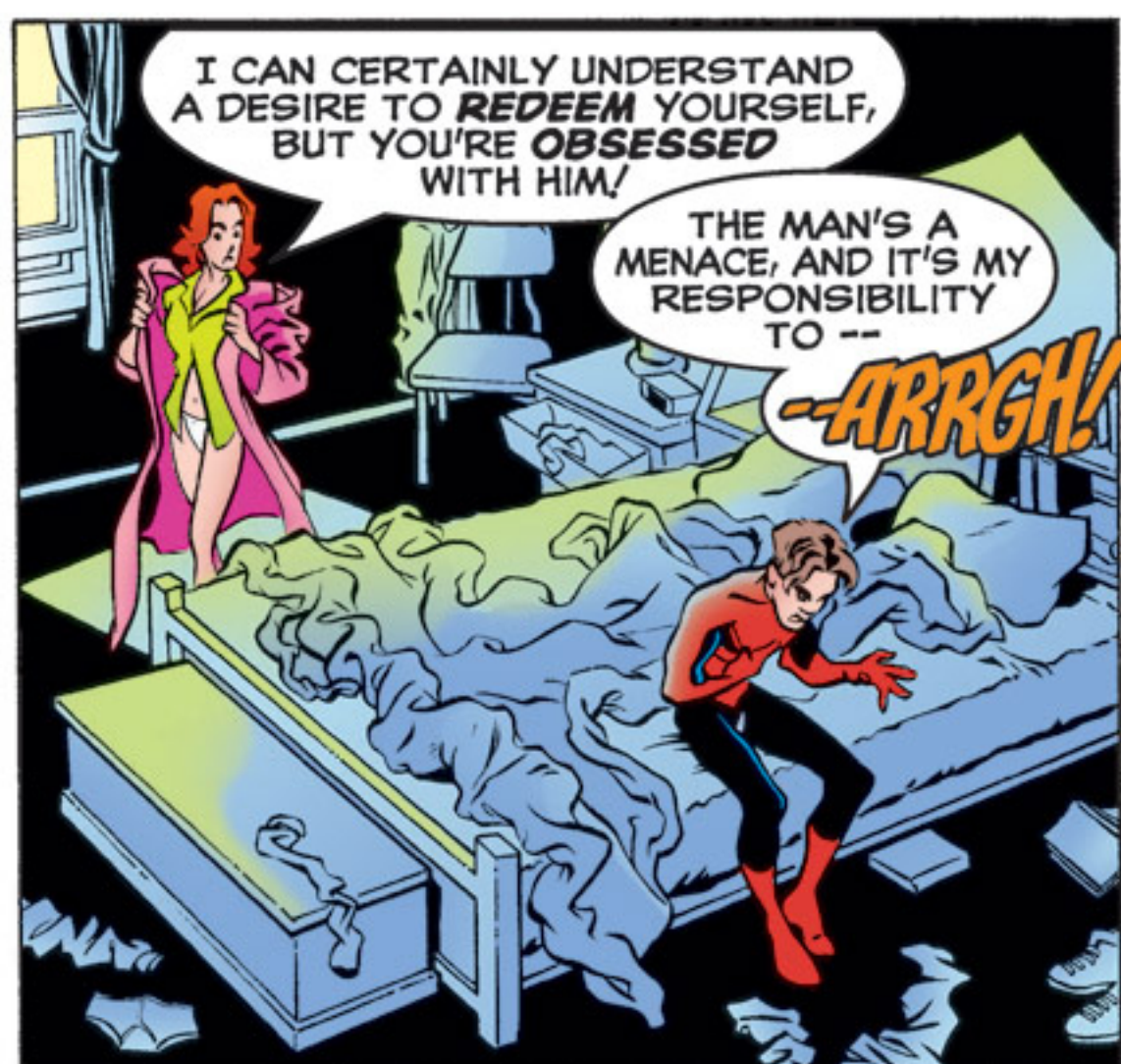
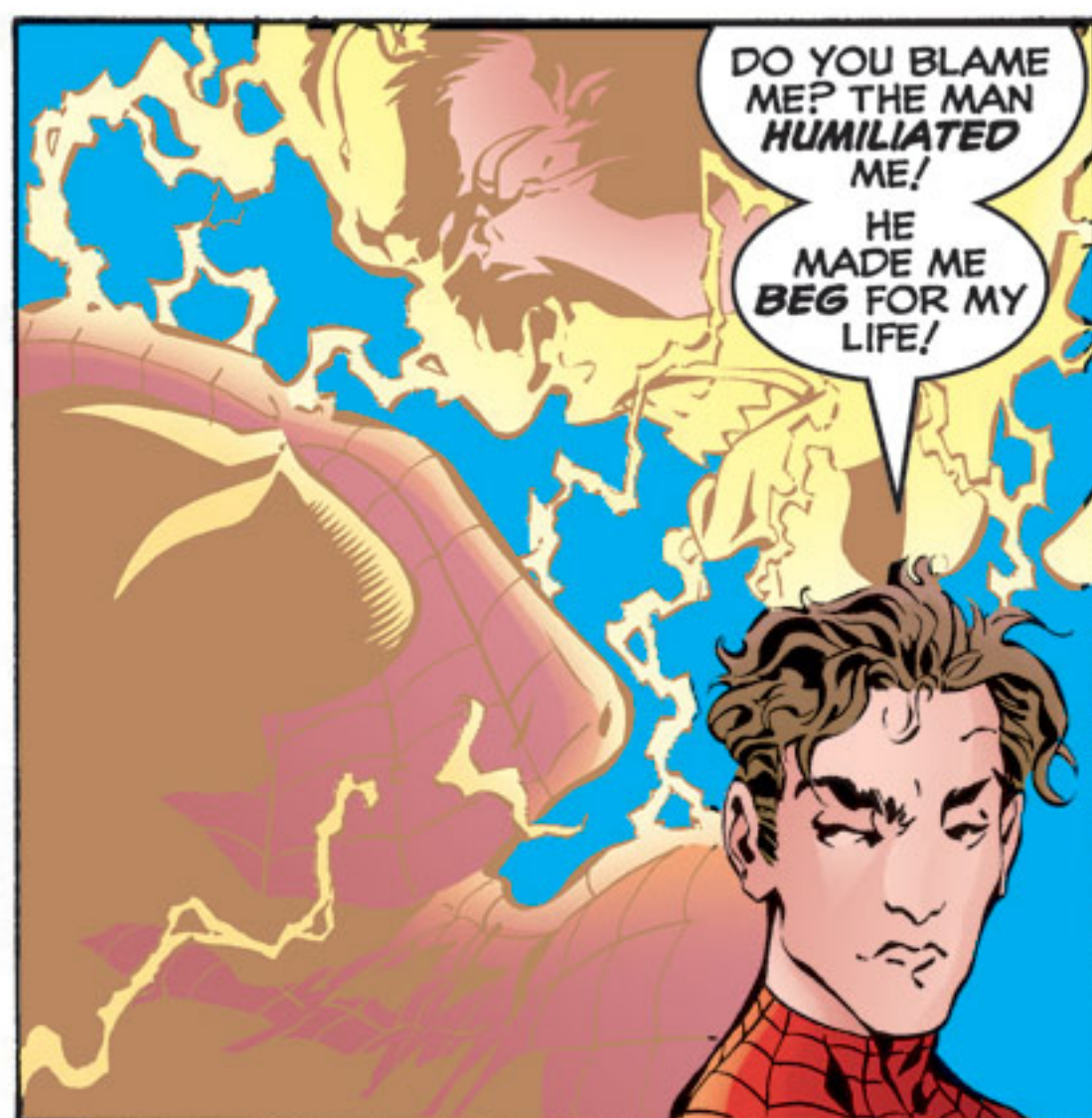
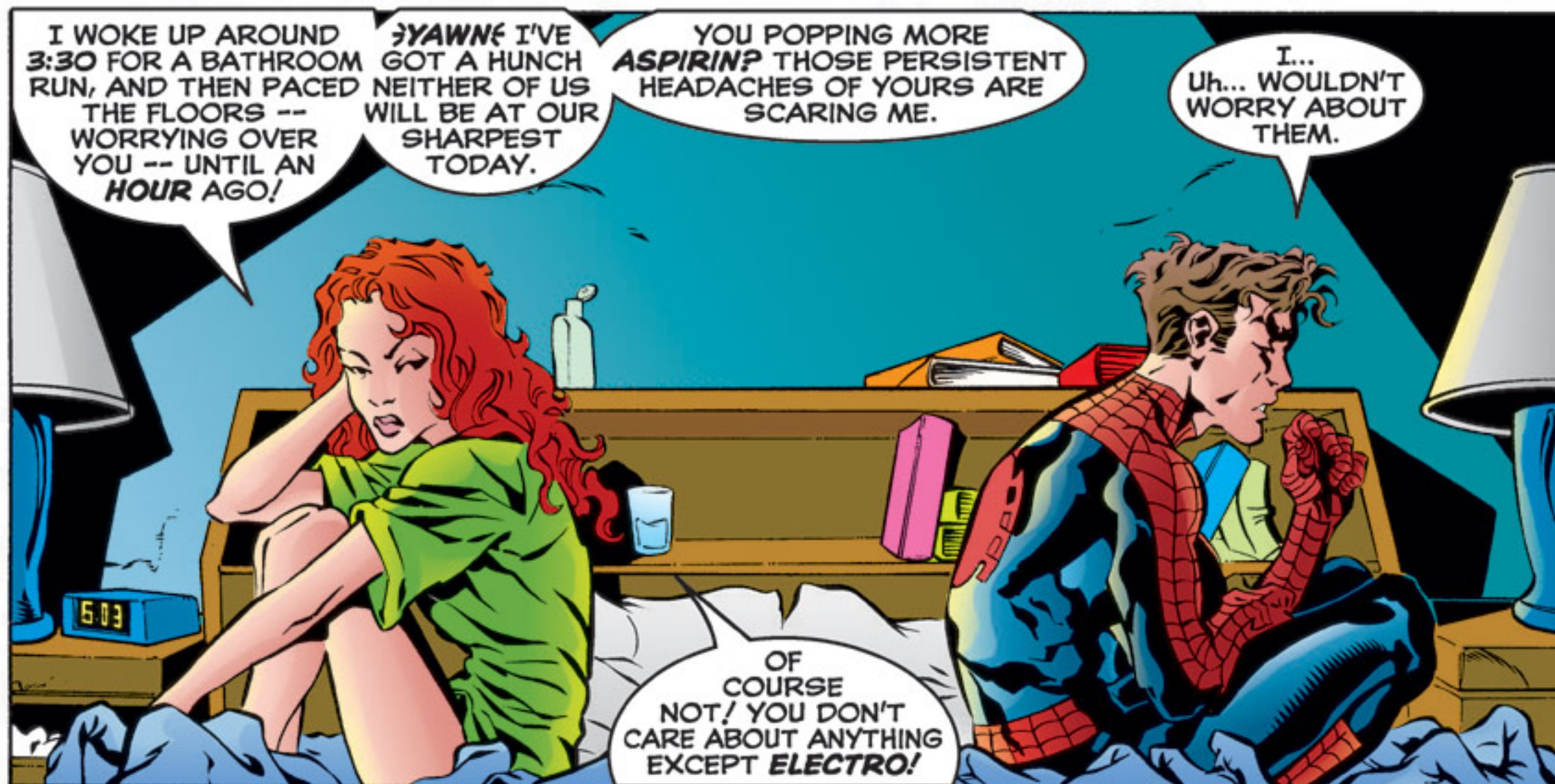
-- IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE ATTEMPTS TO USE HIS ENHANCED POWER FOR SOME BIG SCORE!

TOM DEFALCO **BUD LAROSA**
WRITER INKER
AND A BIG WELCOME BACK TO SUPERSTAR
STEVE SKROCE PENCILER

RICHARD STARKINGS **BOB SHAREN** **RALPH MACCHIO** **BOB HARRAS**
& COMICRAFT/KS LETTERS COLORS EDITOR CHIEF

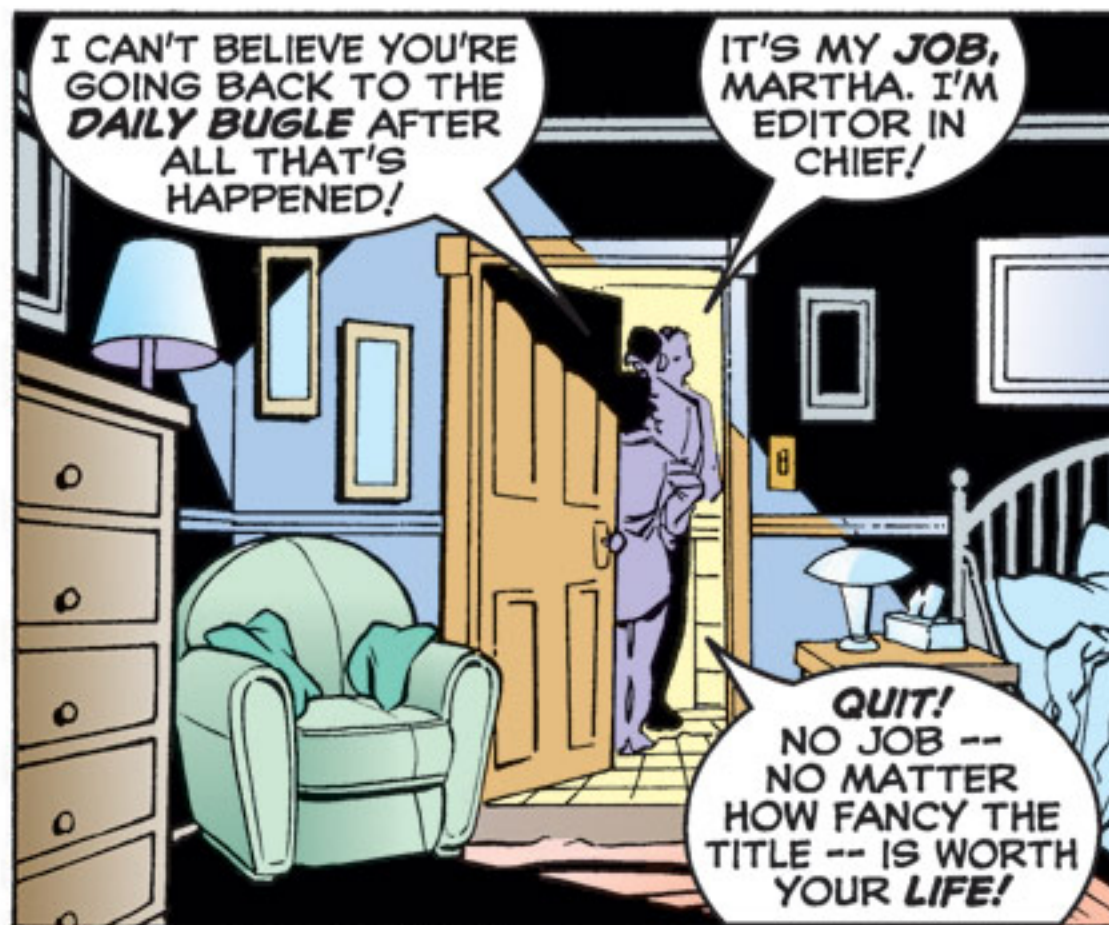








ARE YOU
CRAZY?



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE
GOING BACK TO THE
DAILY BUGLE AFTER
ALL THAT'S
HAPPENED!

IT'S MY **JOB**,
MARTHA. I'M
EDITOR IN
CHIEF!

QUIT!
NO JOB --
NO MATTER
HOW FANCY THE
TITLE -- IS WORTH
YOUR **LIFE!**



YOU'RE
OVERREACTING,
MARTHA!

AM I, JOE?
YOUR PUBLISHER
WAS ALMOST BEATEN TO
DEATH IN THE PAPER'S
ELEVATOR --

-- AND WE
WERE RECENTLY
ATTACKED BY
NINJAS!

ALL
RIGHT. I
ADMIT THERE
ARE CERTAIN
RISKS.

...BUT I HAVE
RESPONSIBILITIES!



ESPECIALLY WHILE **J. JONAH JAMESON** IS IN
THE HOSPITAL!

WHAT
ABOUT YOUR
RESPONSIBILITIES
TO **ME?**



BE
REASONABLE,
MARTHA...

IT'S **POINTLESS**
TO CONTINUE THIS
CONVERSATION, JOE
ROBERTSON!

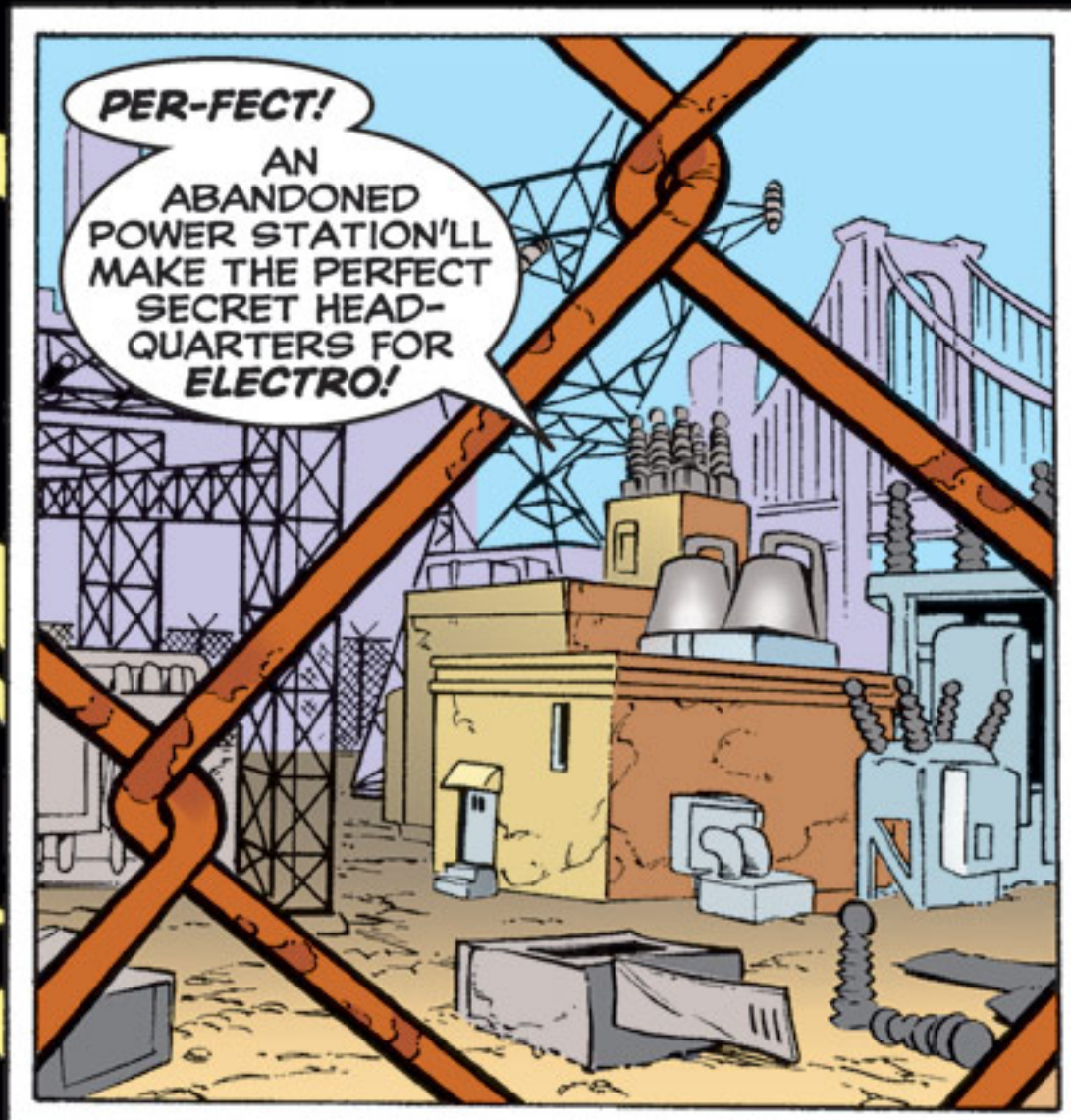
YOU
OBVIOUSLY CARE
MORE FOR THE **DAILY BUGLE**
THAN YOUR OWN WIFE!



MARTHA,
I...

...AW,
SHOOT!





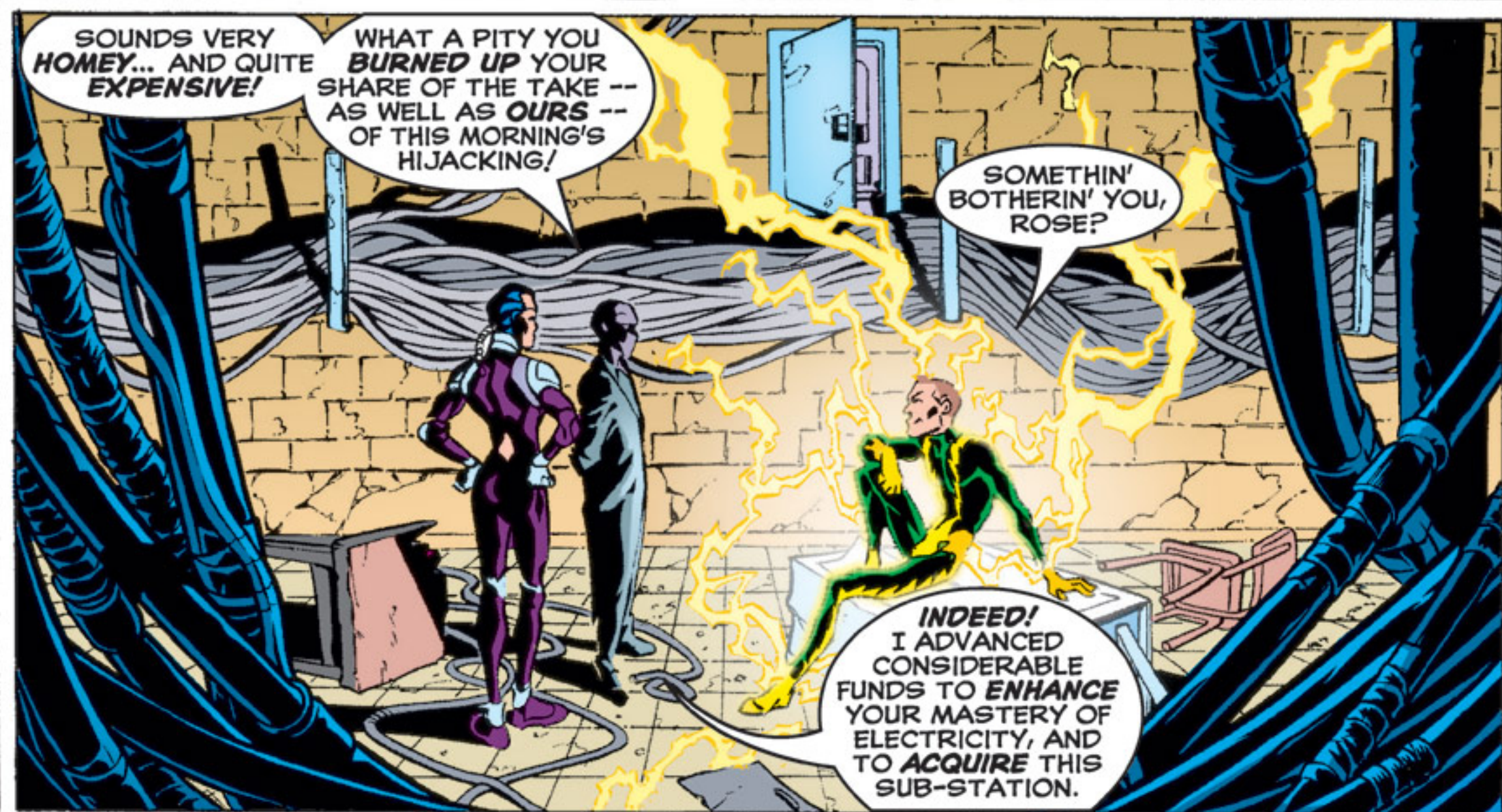
PER-FECT!

AN
ABANDONED
POWER STATION'LL
MAKE THE PERFECT
SECRET HEAD-
QUARTERS FOR
ELECTRO!

A
LITTLE
**MARTHA
STEWART**
HERE!

A
TOUCH
O'OPRAH
THERE!

AND
THIS PLACE
COULD EASILY
RIVAL **AVENGERS
MANSION** OR **FOUR
FREEDOMS
PLAZA!**



SOUNDS VERY
HONEY... AND QUITE
EXPENSIVE!

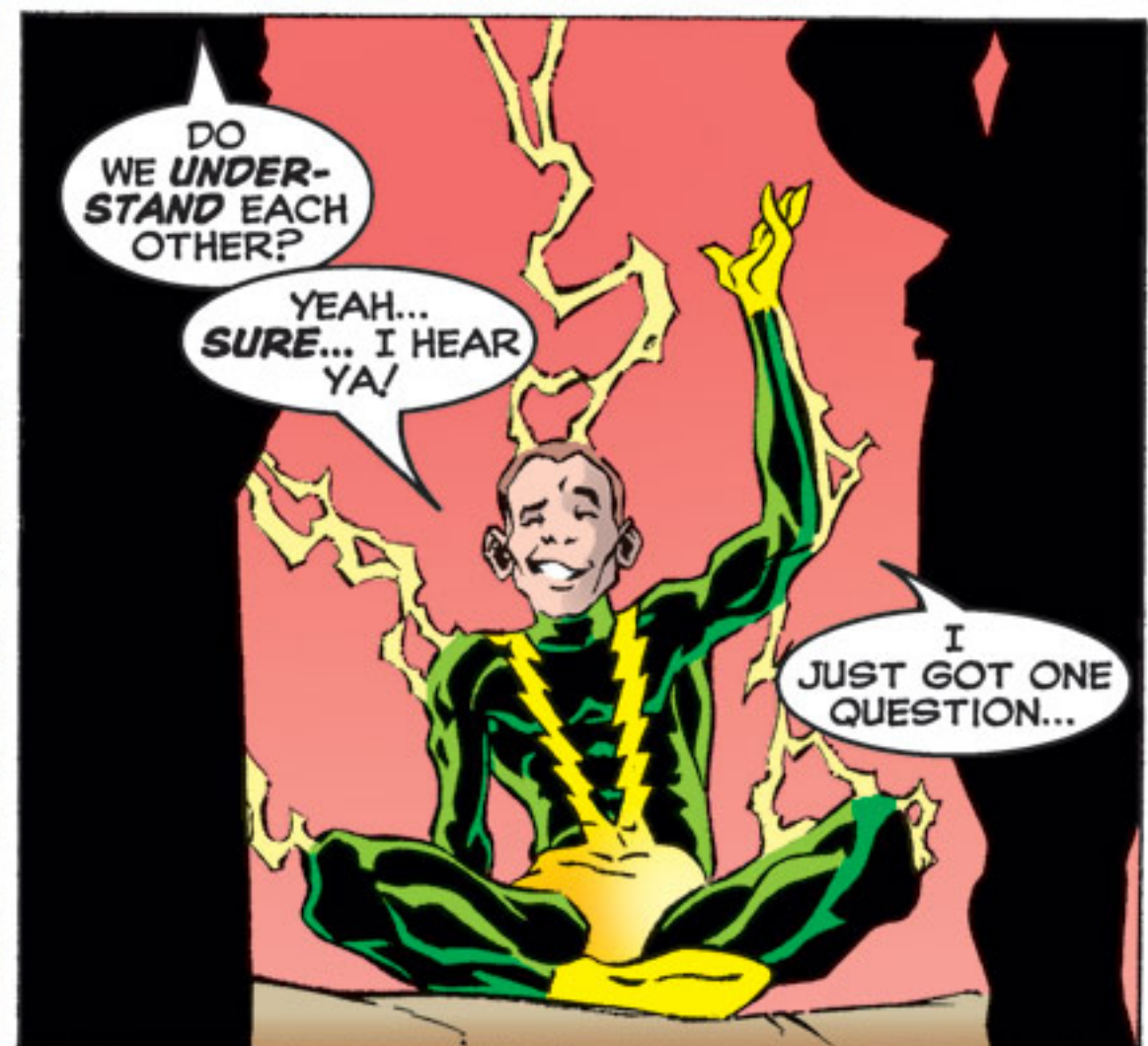
WHAT A PITY YOU
BURNED UP YOUR
SHARE OF THE TAKE --
AS WELL AS **OURS** --
OF THIS MORNING'S
HIJACKING!

SOMETHIN'
BOTHERIN' YOU,
ROSE?

INDEED!
I ADVANCED
CONSIDERABLE
FUNDS TO **ENHANCE**
YOUR MASTERY OF
ELECTRICITY, AND
TO **ACQUIRE** THIS
SUB-STATION.



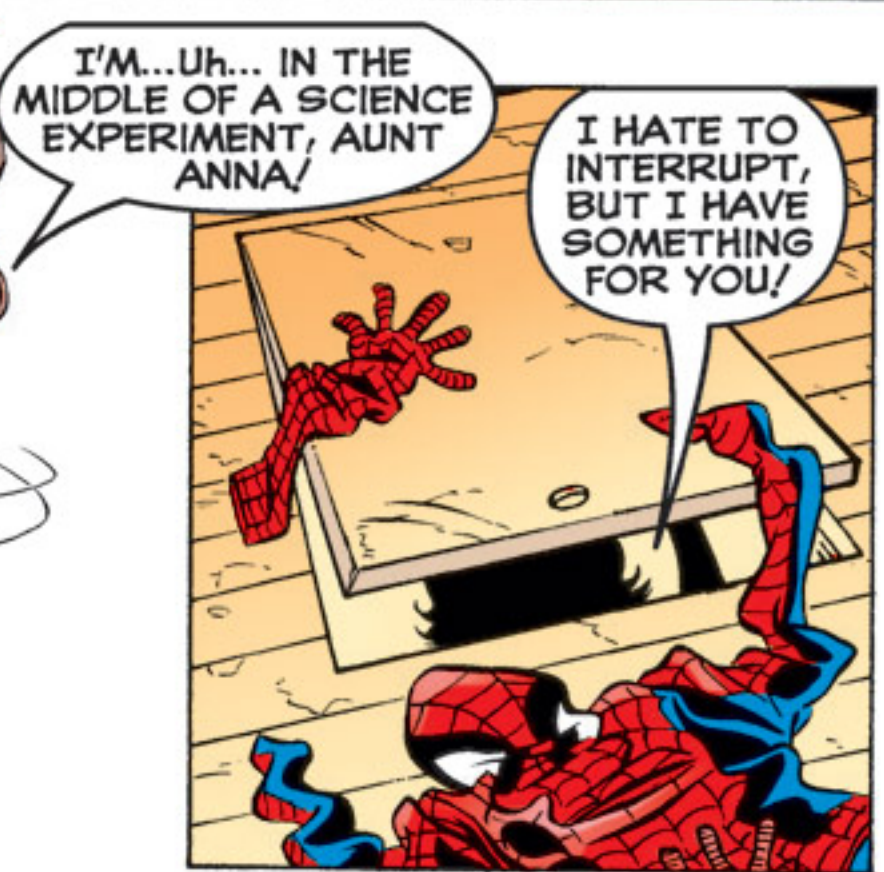
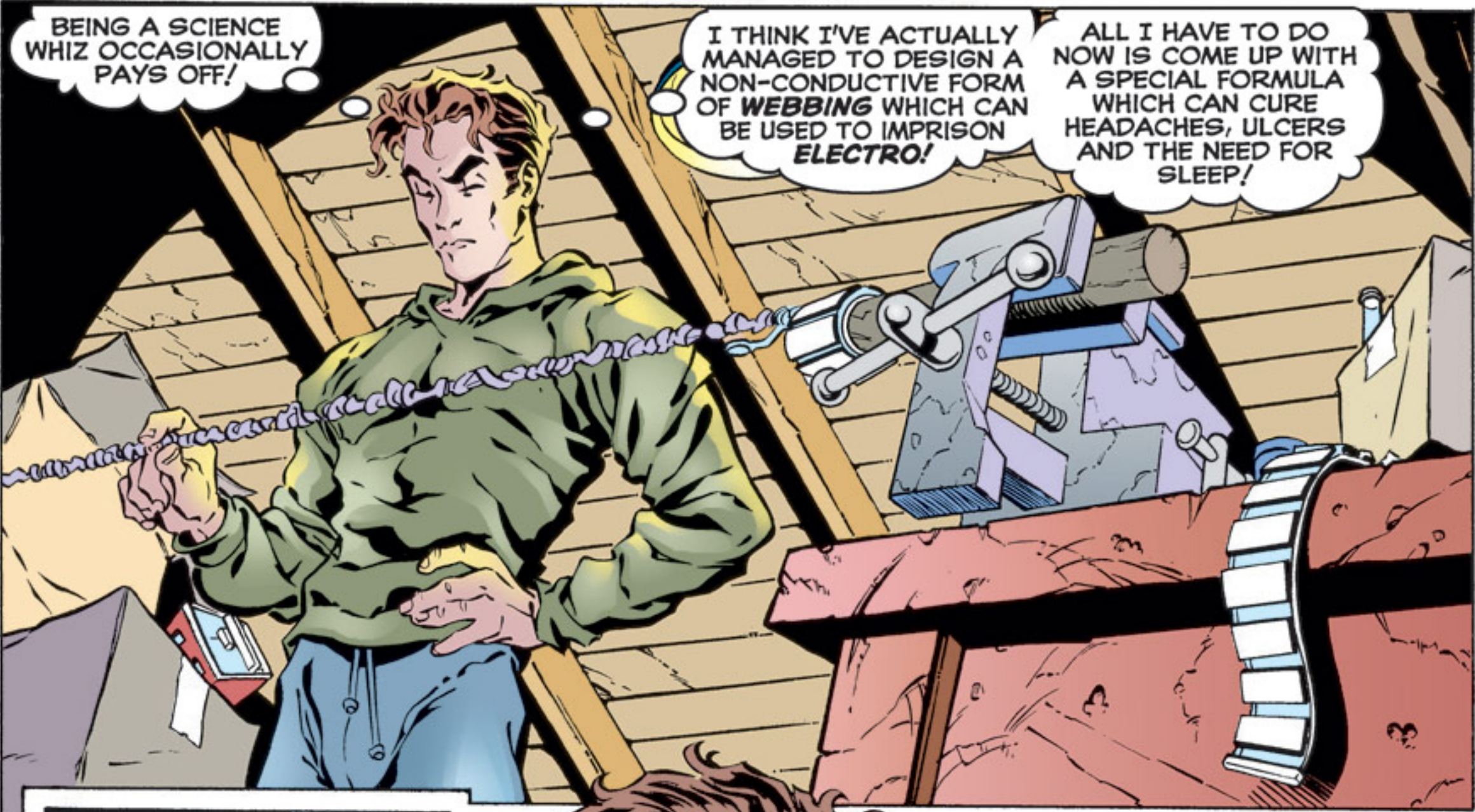
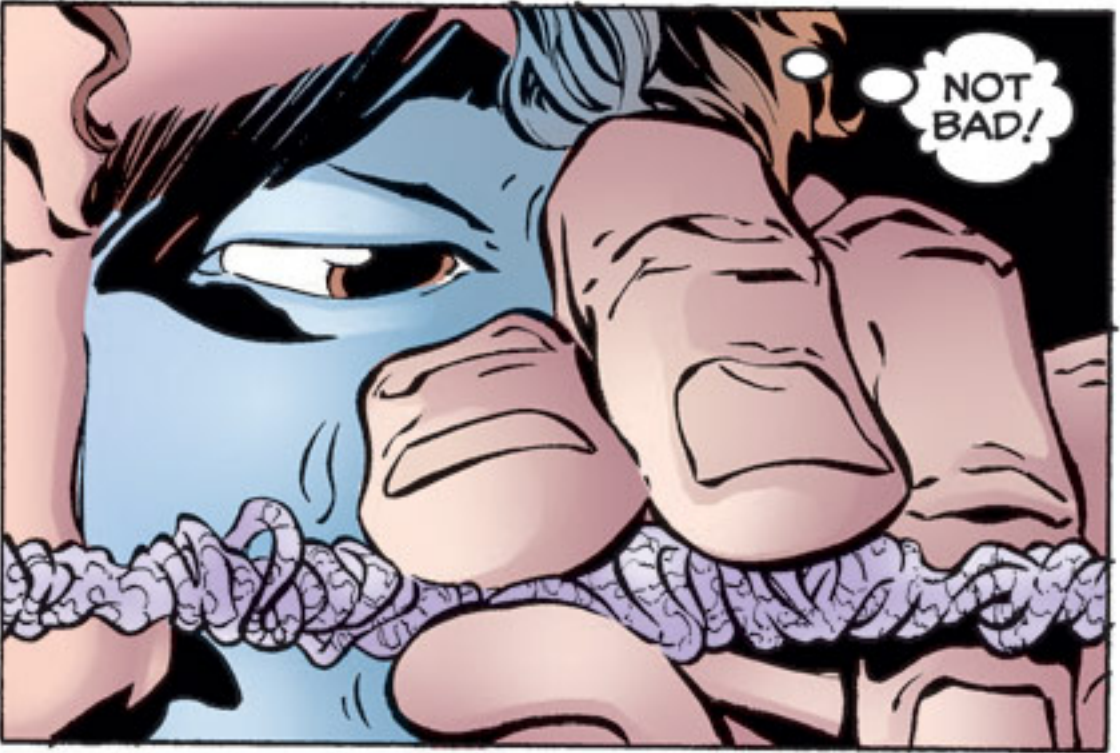
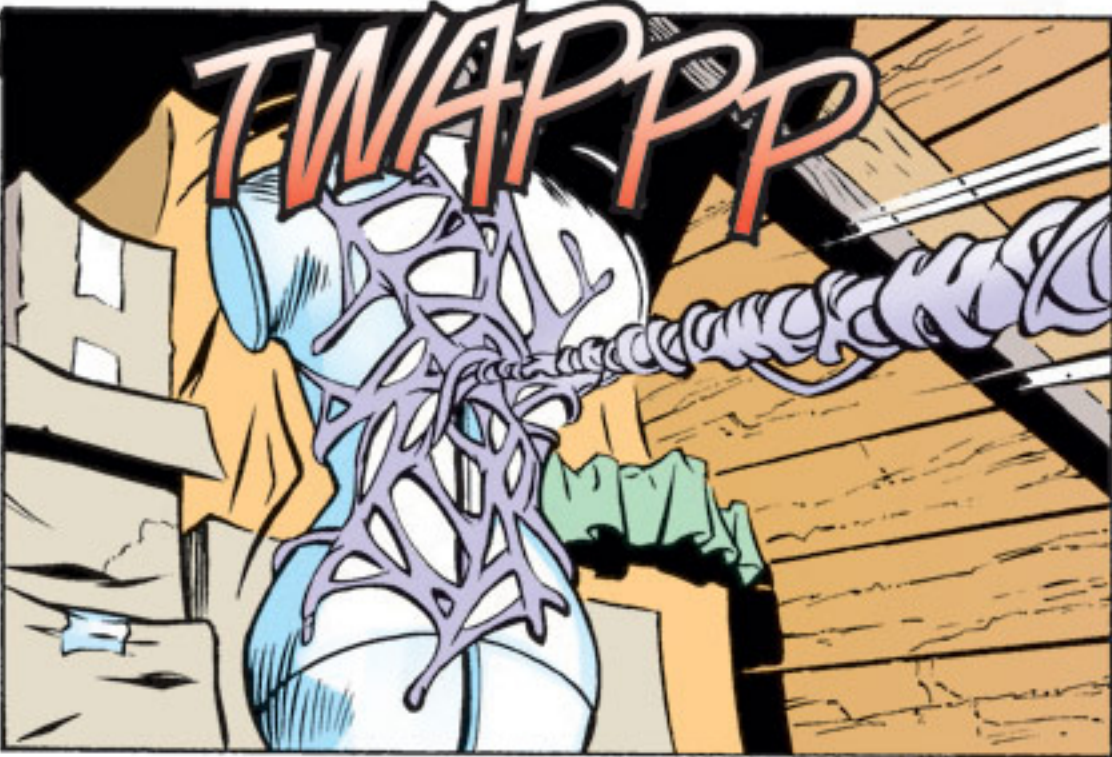
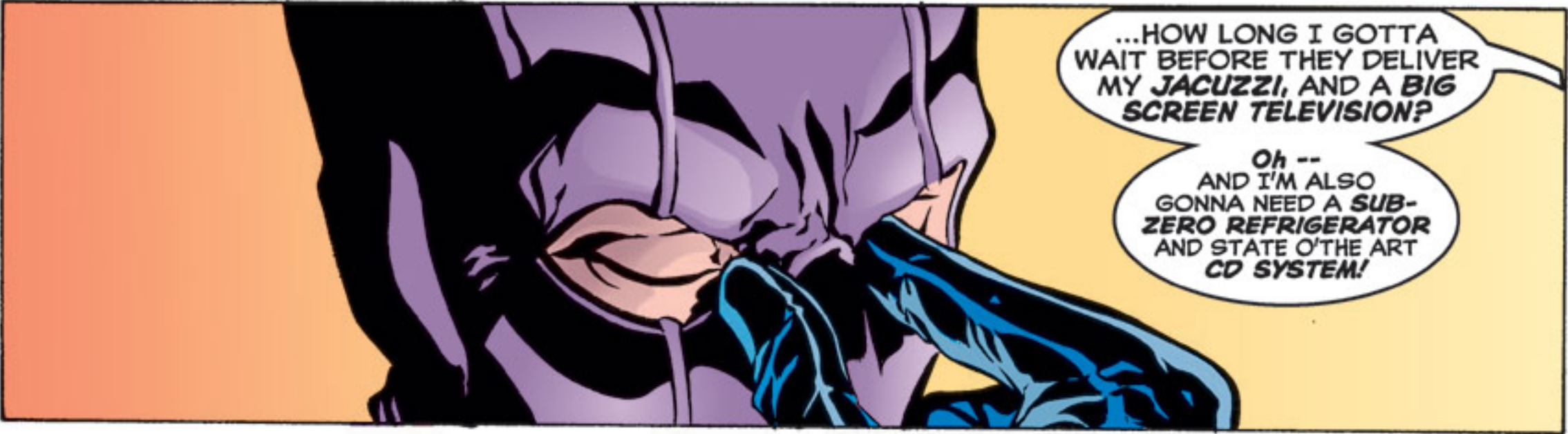
IF I AM TO SEE AN
APPROPRIATE **RETURN**
ON MY INVESTMENT,
THERE CAN
BE NO MORE
MISHAPS.

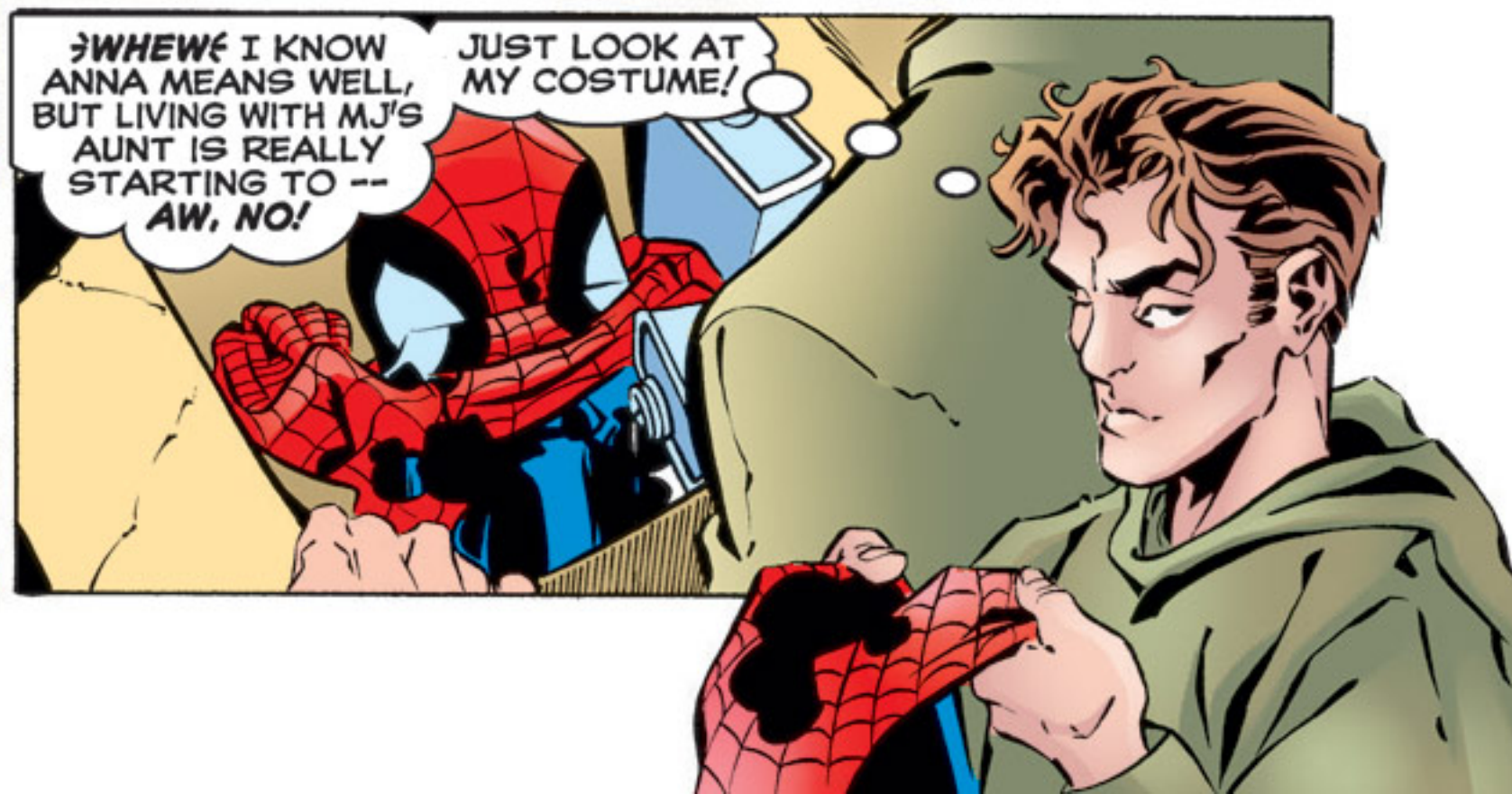


DO
WE **UNDER-
STAND** EACH
OTHER?

YEAH...
SURE... I HEAR
YA!

I
JUST GOT ONE
QUESTION...







I POSSESS THE
POWER OF A LIVIN'
GOD!

TOO BAD I
DON'T HAVE THE
IMAGINATION
O'ONE!

I'VE BEEN STRAININ' MY BRAIN
FOR THE PAST FEW HOURS --
TRYING T'COME UP WITH A
CRIME **WORTHY** O'MY NEW
POWER LEVEL -- BUT
NADA!

WISH
I NEW HOW
THE BIG TICKET
GUYS LIKE **DOCTOR**
DOOM AND **MAGNETO**
COME UP WITH ALL
THEIR VARIOUS
SCHEMES!

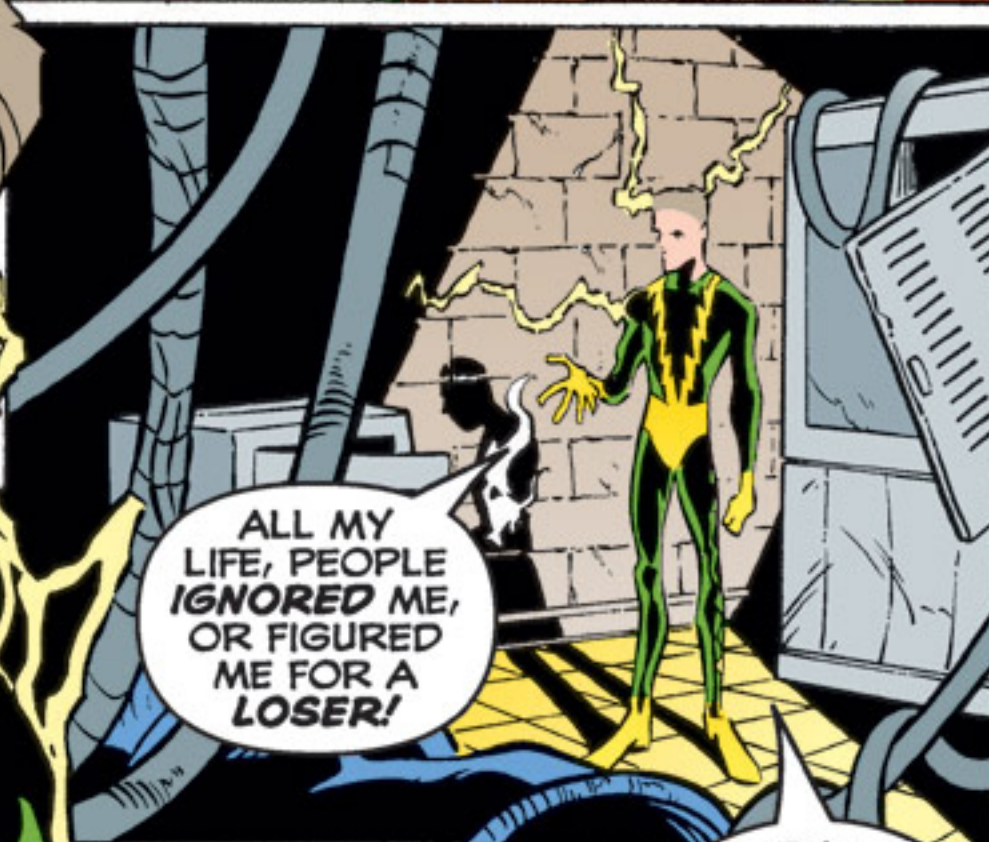
I
WONDER
IF THEY HIRE
FREELANCE
WRITERS.

IT AIN'T
FAIR!



THE ROSE
AND **DELILAH** TREAT
ME LIKE I'M JUST
ANOTHER DUMB THUG,
BUT I'M THE GUY WHO
MADE **SPIDER-MAN**
CRAWL!

IN
FRONT OF THE
WHOLE STINKIN'
CITY I HUMILIATED
HIM -- MADE A
FOOL OF HIM!



ALL MY
LIFE, PEOPLE
IGNORED ME,
OR FIGURED
ME FOR A
LOSER!



BUT
THEY BETTER
WATCH
OUT...

...!CAUSE
I'M A REAL
CONTENDER
NOW!

I'VE BEEN **FORGOTTEN**
WHILE LESS TALENTED
BADDIES GRABBED
THE HEADLINES --

-- WITH
THEIR FLASHIER
COSTUMES --

-- AND
MORE FLAMBOYANT
CRIMES!

GETTIN'
MY PRESS 'CAUSE
THEY WERE THE NEW
KIDS ON THE
BLOCK.



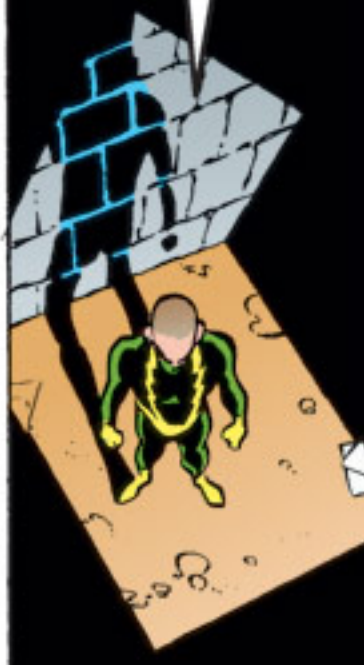
NO
MORE!



"MY OWN FATHER
ABANDONED
ME BECAUSE I
WAS A **USELESS
NOTHIN'!**"



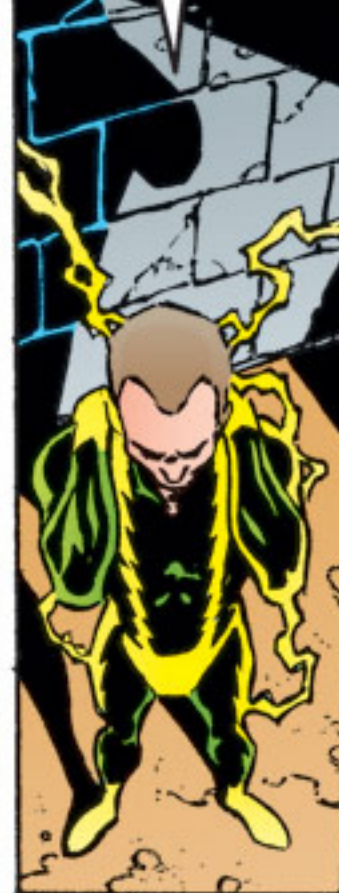
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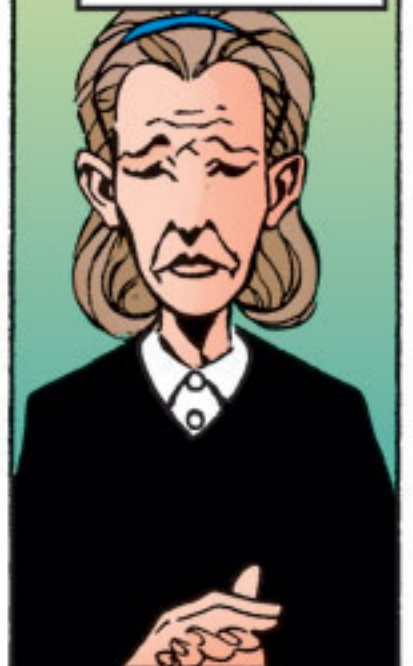
"MY WIFE
DIVORCED ME
BECAUSE SHE
THOUGHT I
DIDN'T HAVE
AMBITION!"



NO
MORE!



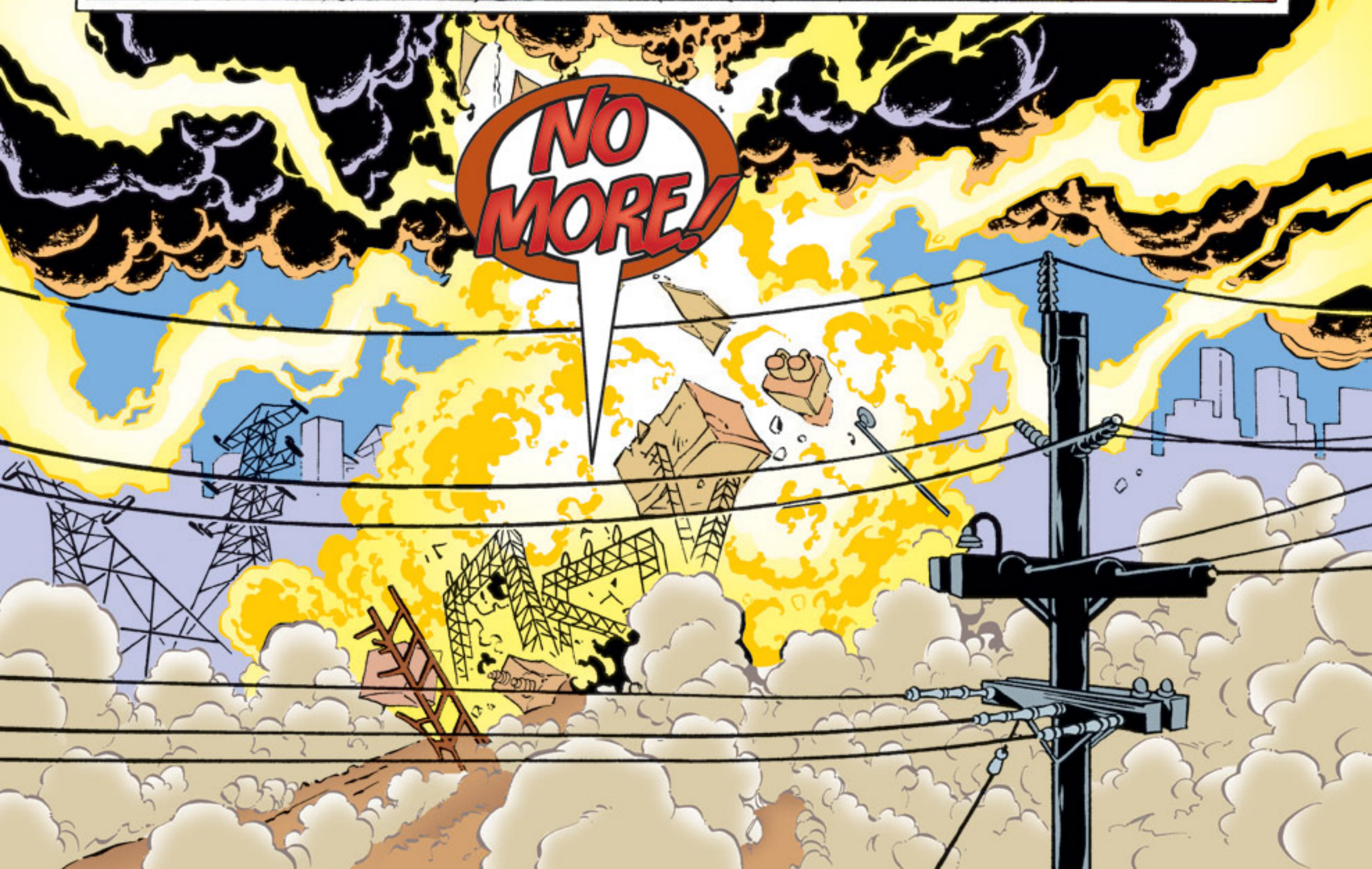
"EVEN MY
BELOVED
MOTHER
THOUGHT I
LACKED THE
**DRIVE AND
INTELLIGENCE**
T'EVER MAKE
ANYTHIN'
O'MYSELF!"

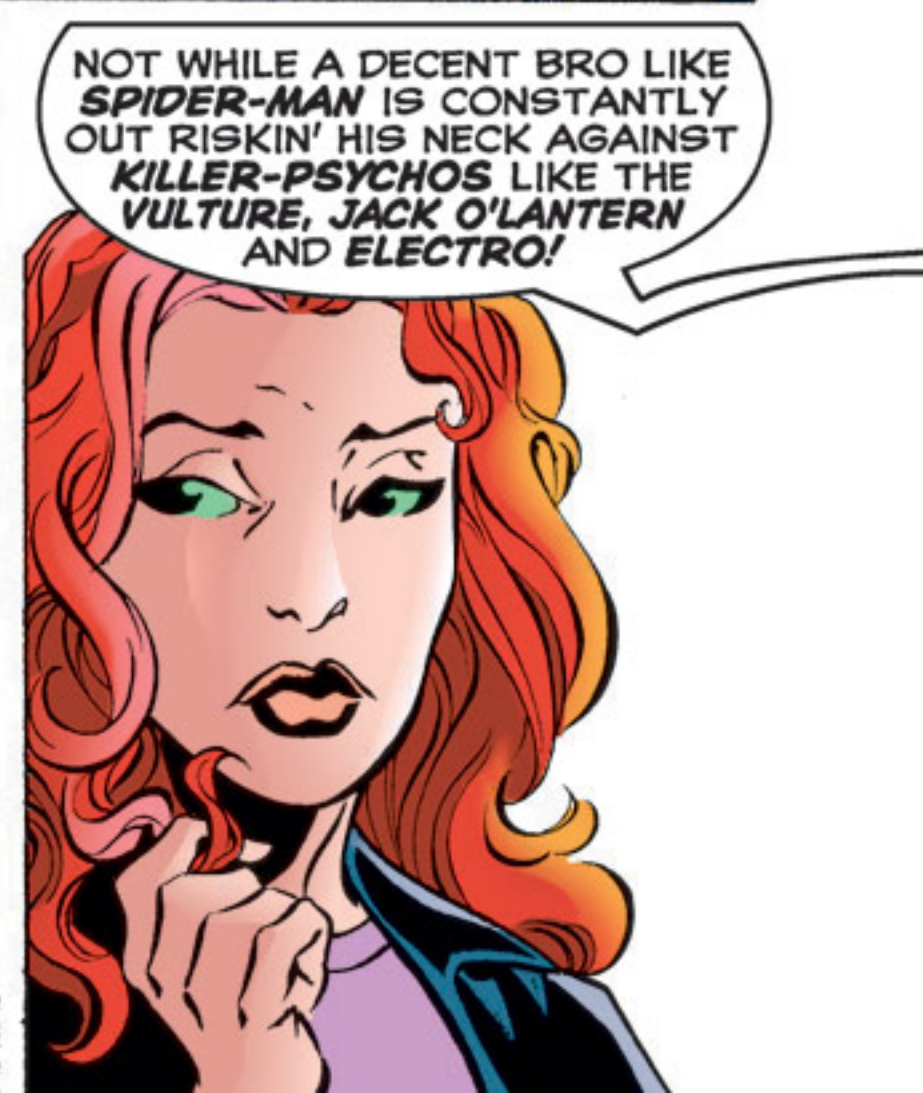
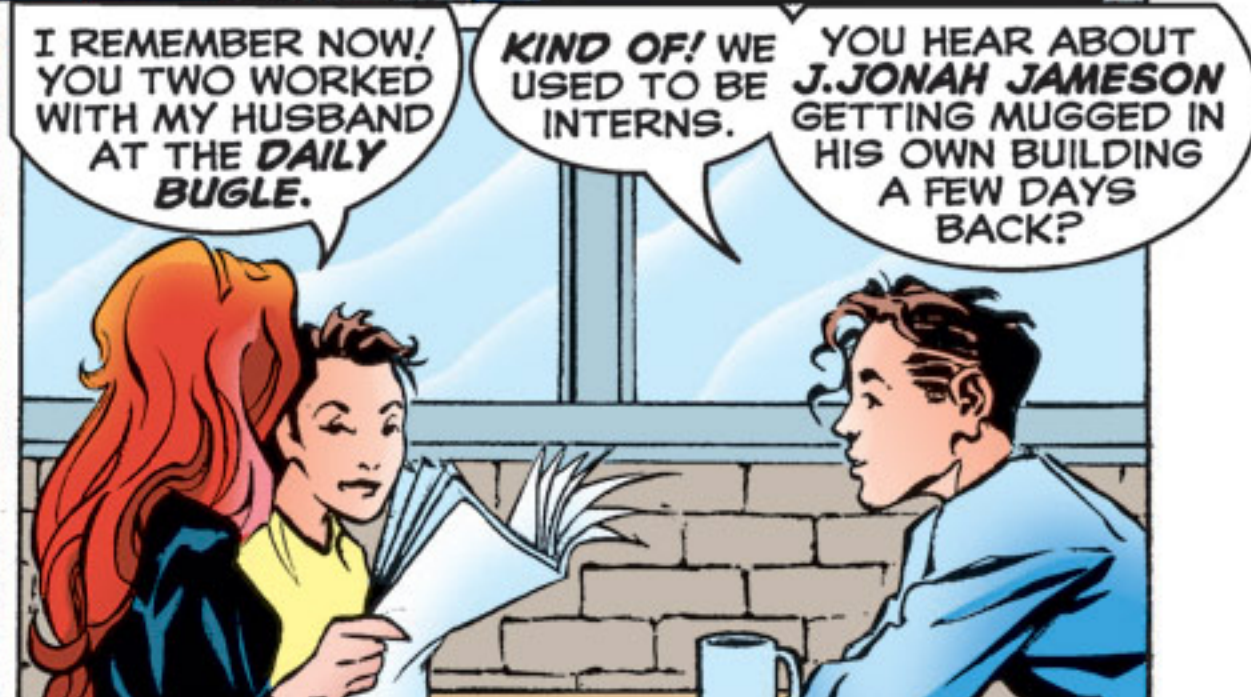
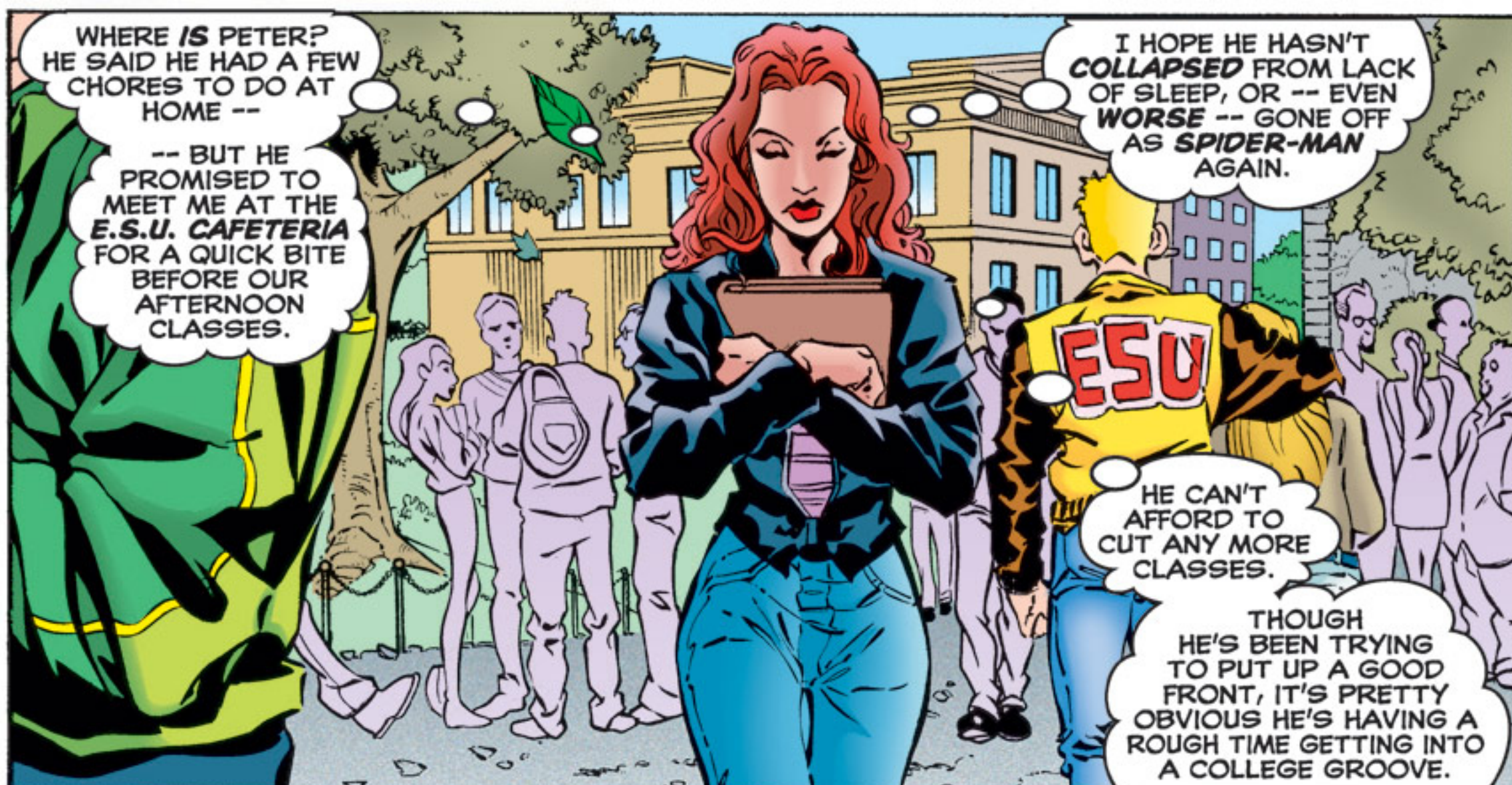
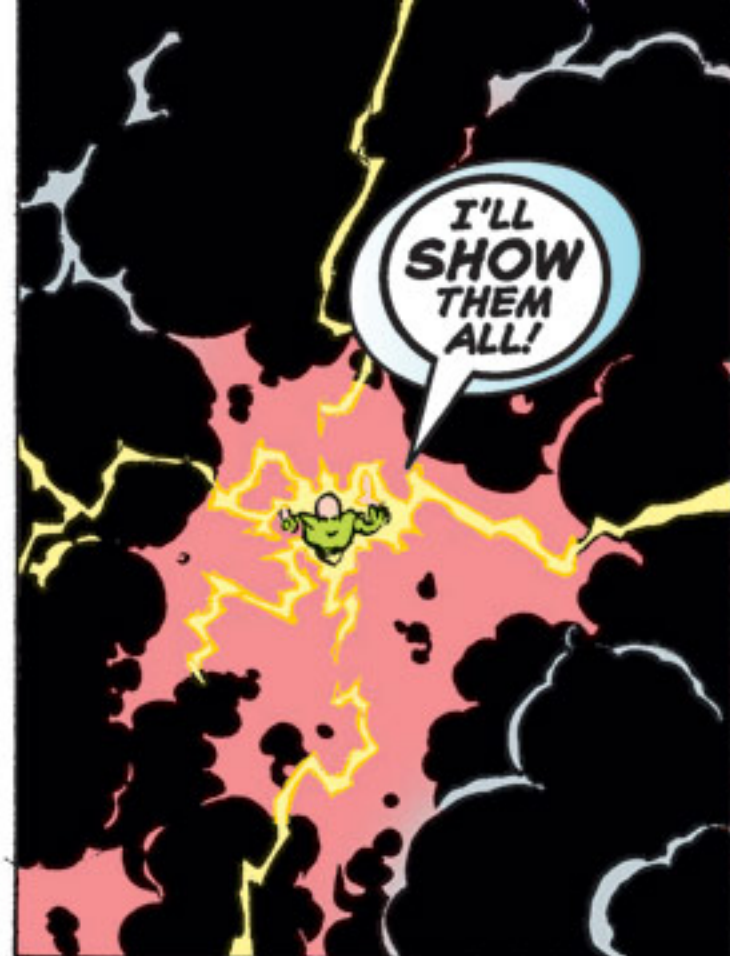


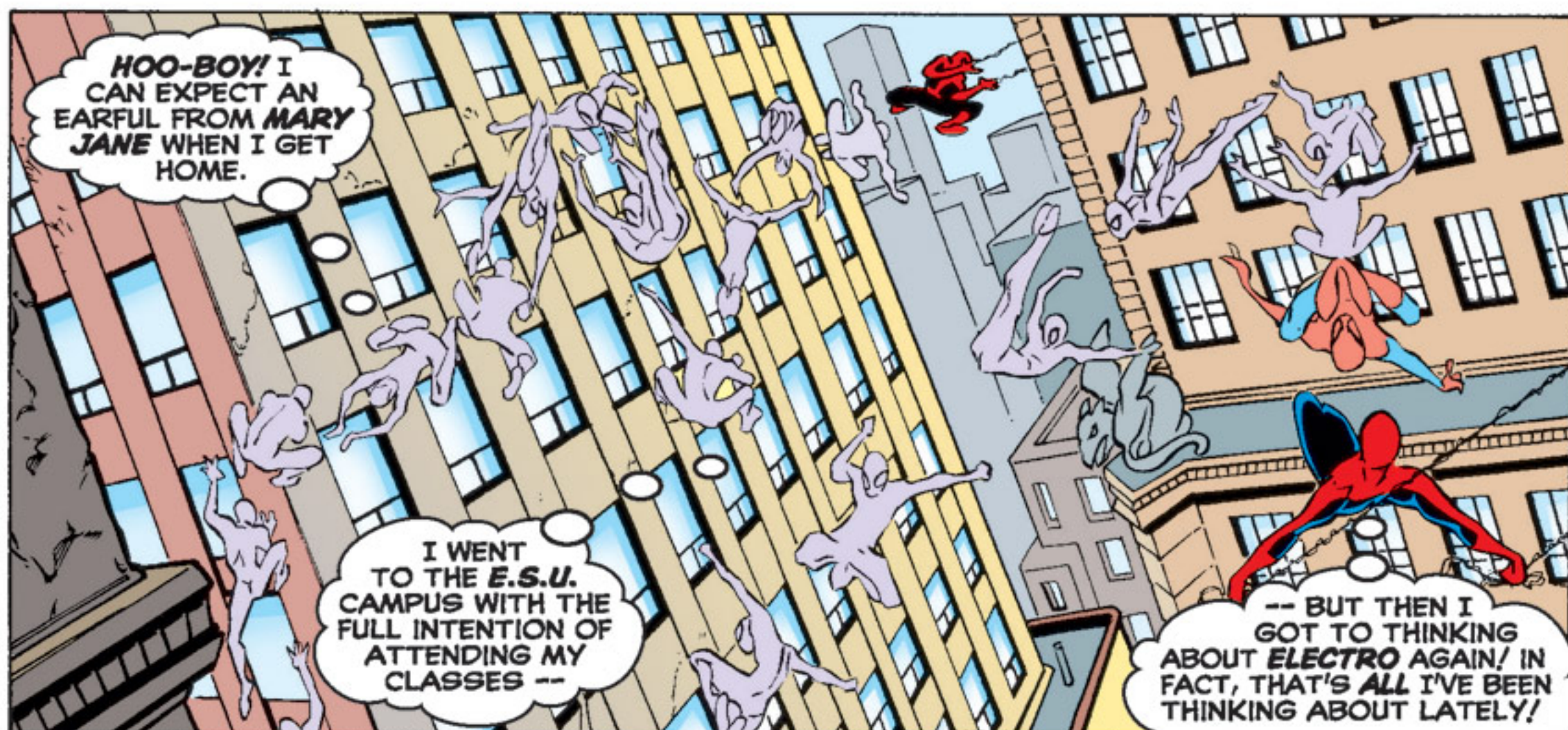
NO
MORE!



**NO
MORE!**







HOO-BOY! I CAN EXPECT AN EARFUL FROM *MARY JANE* WHEN I GET HOME.

I WENT TO THE *E.S.U.* CAMPUS WITH THE FULL INTENTION OF ATTENDING MY CLASSES --

-- BUT THEN I GOT TO THINKING ABOUT *ELECTRO* AGAIN! IN FACT, THAT'S *ALL* I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT LATELY!

BESIDES, AUNT ANNA'S MIRACLE BREW ACTUALLY *WORKED*... AND I'M FEELING TOO GOOD TO ZONE OUT ON SOME BORING SCIENCE LECTURE.

I'M JUST GLAD I MANAGED TO CLEAN THOSE GREASE STAINS OFF MY COSTUME.

SPEAKING OF MY COSTUME, MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE A FEW MODIFI --
HEY!

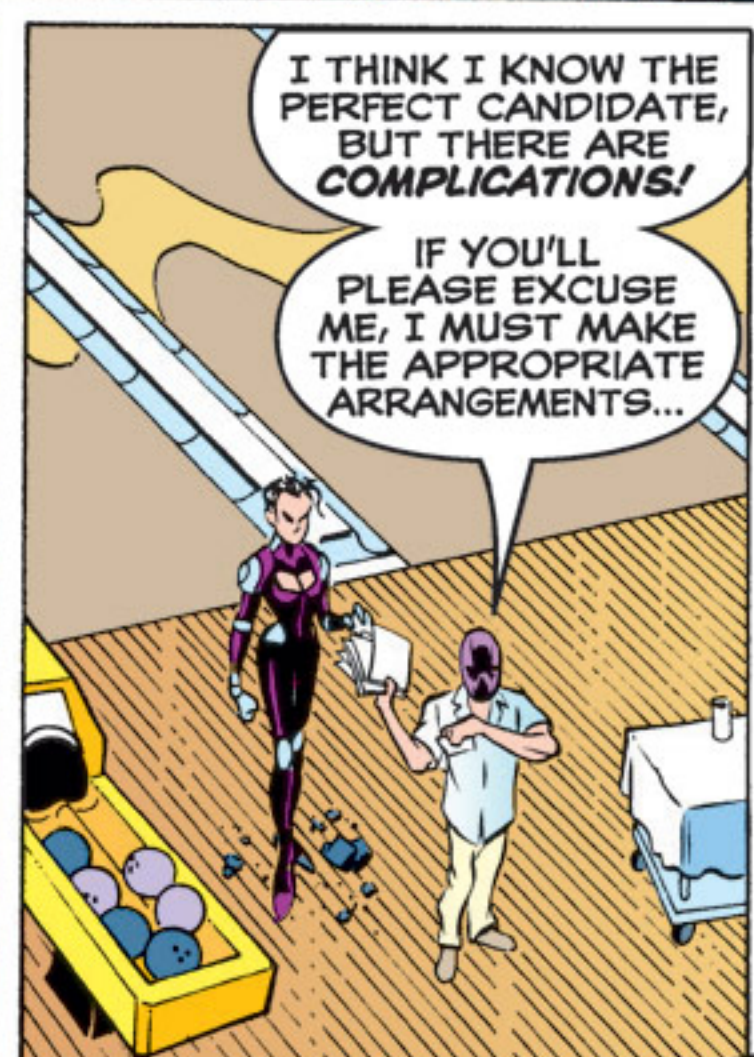
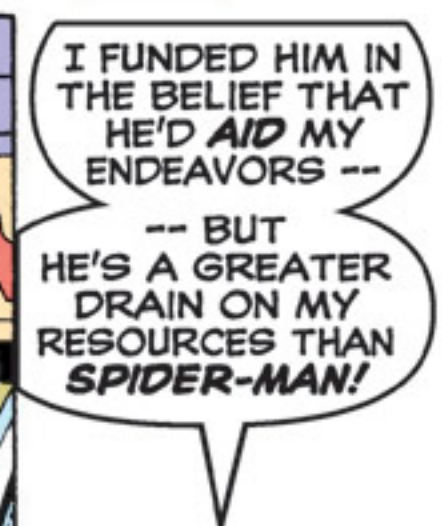
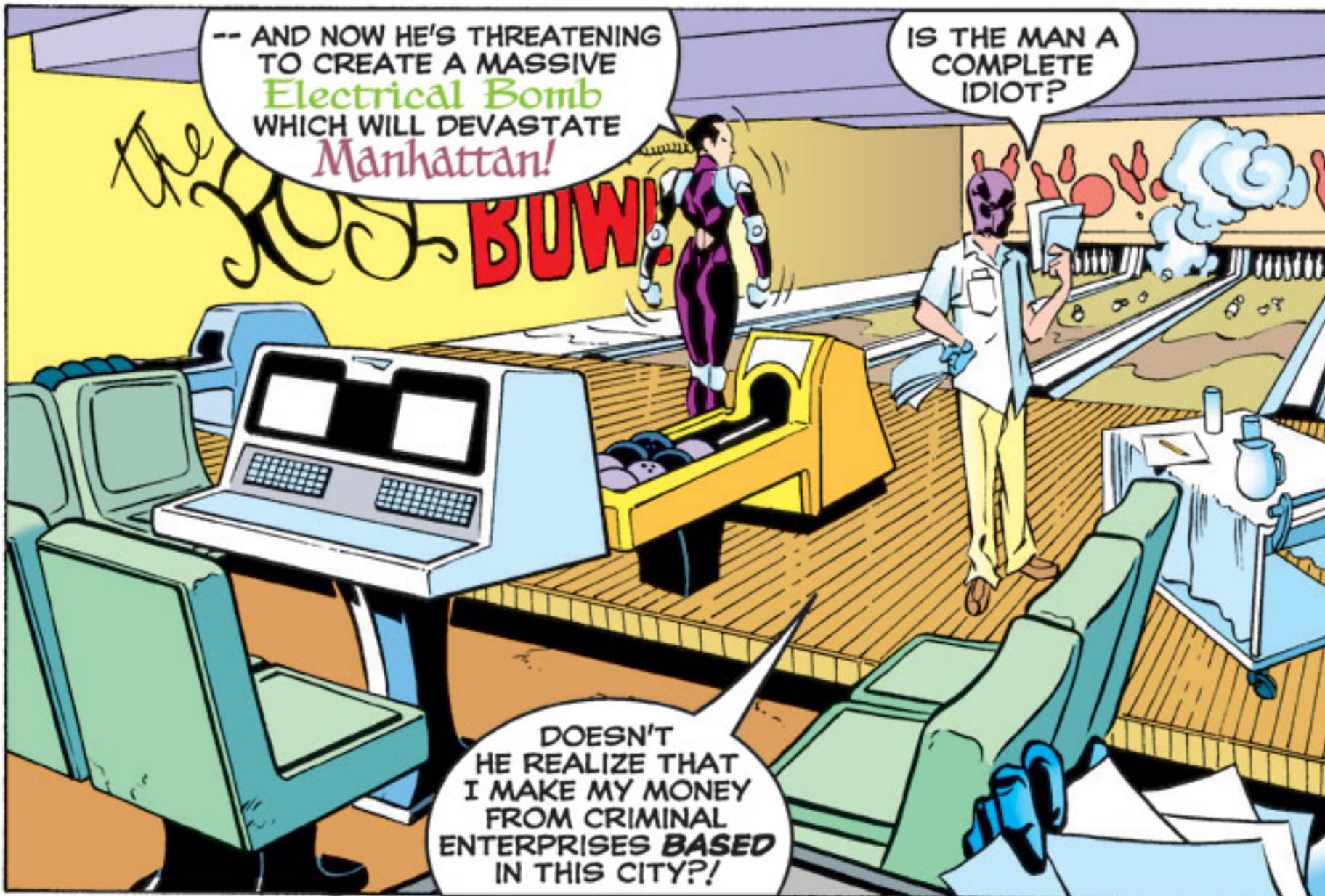
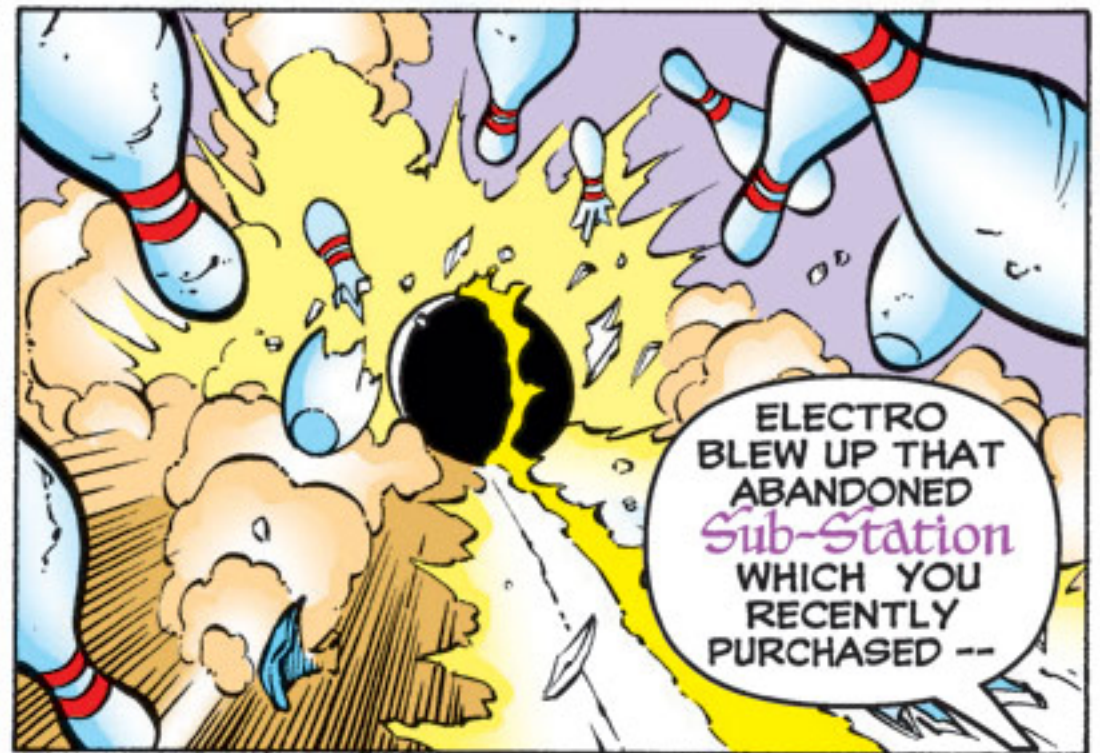
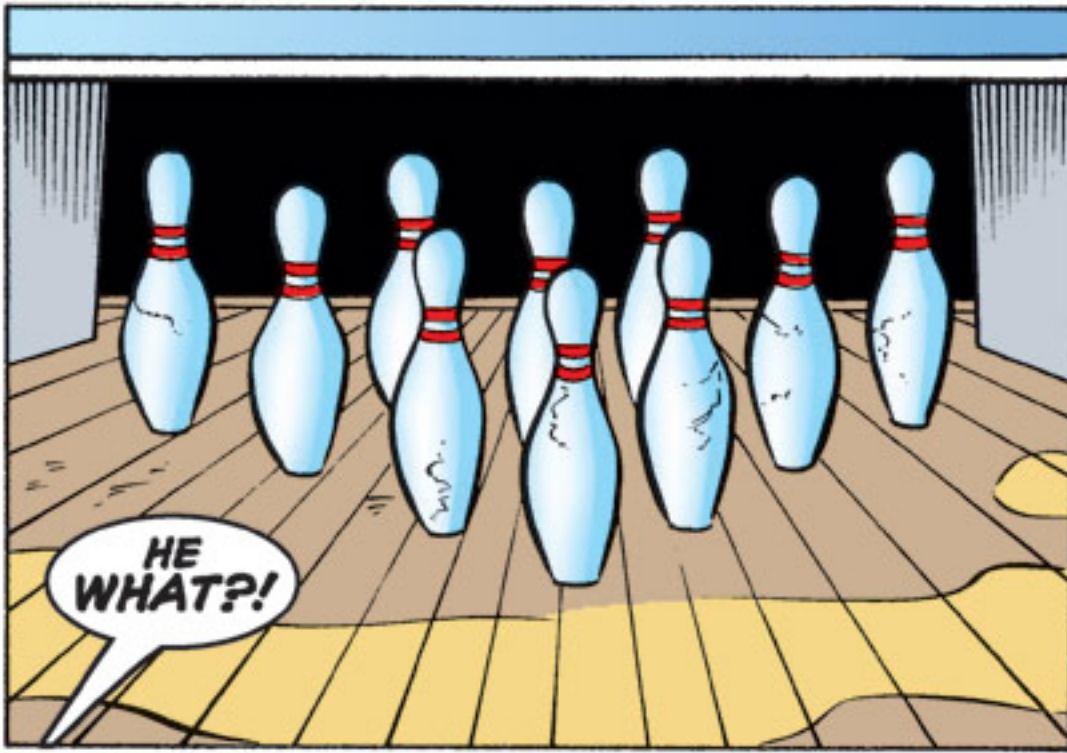
NO SUCH LUCK! IT'S ONLY A WORKMAN DOING SOME SPOT WELDING.

I NEED TO RELAX. I'M MUCH TOO JUMPY. *MARY JANE* WOULD ONLY GIVE ME MORE GRIEF IF I TURNED TO HER --

-- BUT I DO HAVE A BUD WHO CAN ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH!

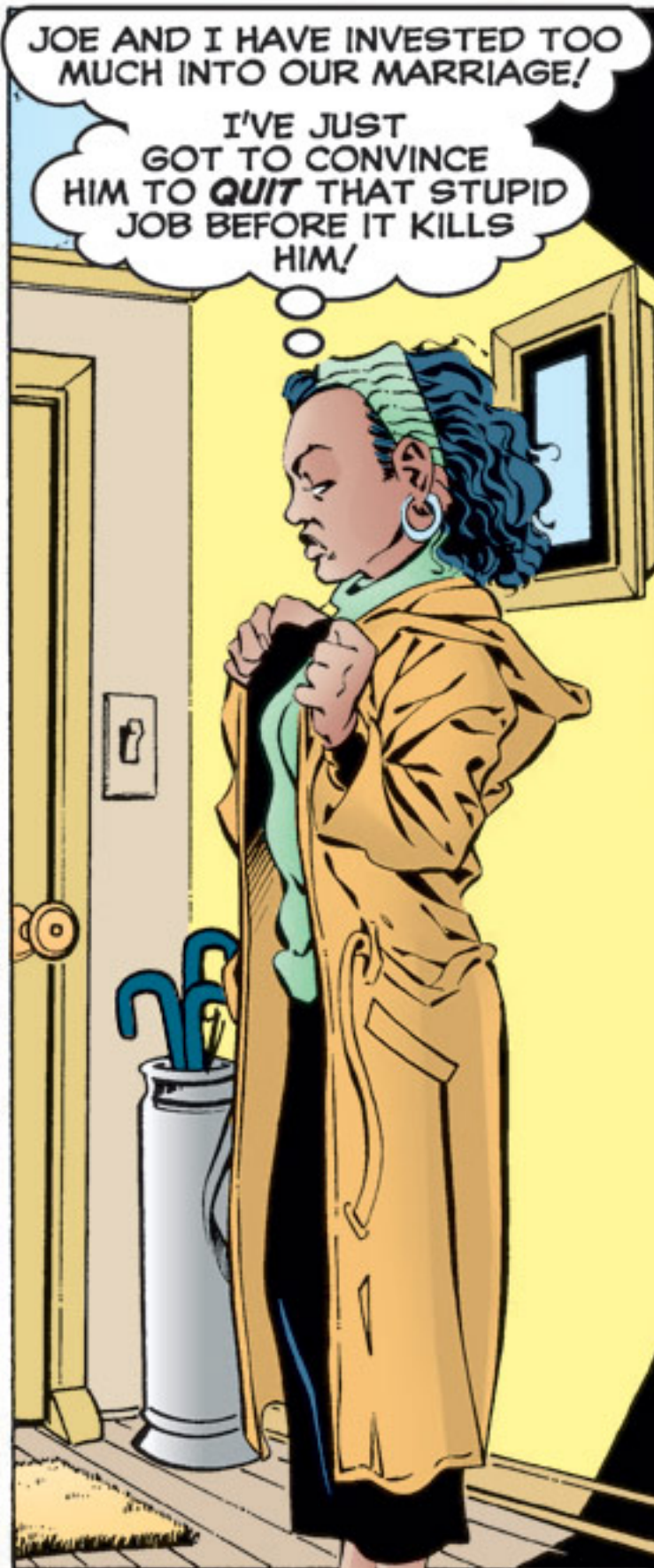
THAT FLASHING LIGHT --!

THERE'S A CHANCE IT'S *ELECTRO*!



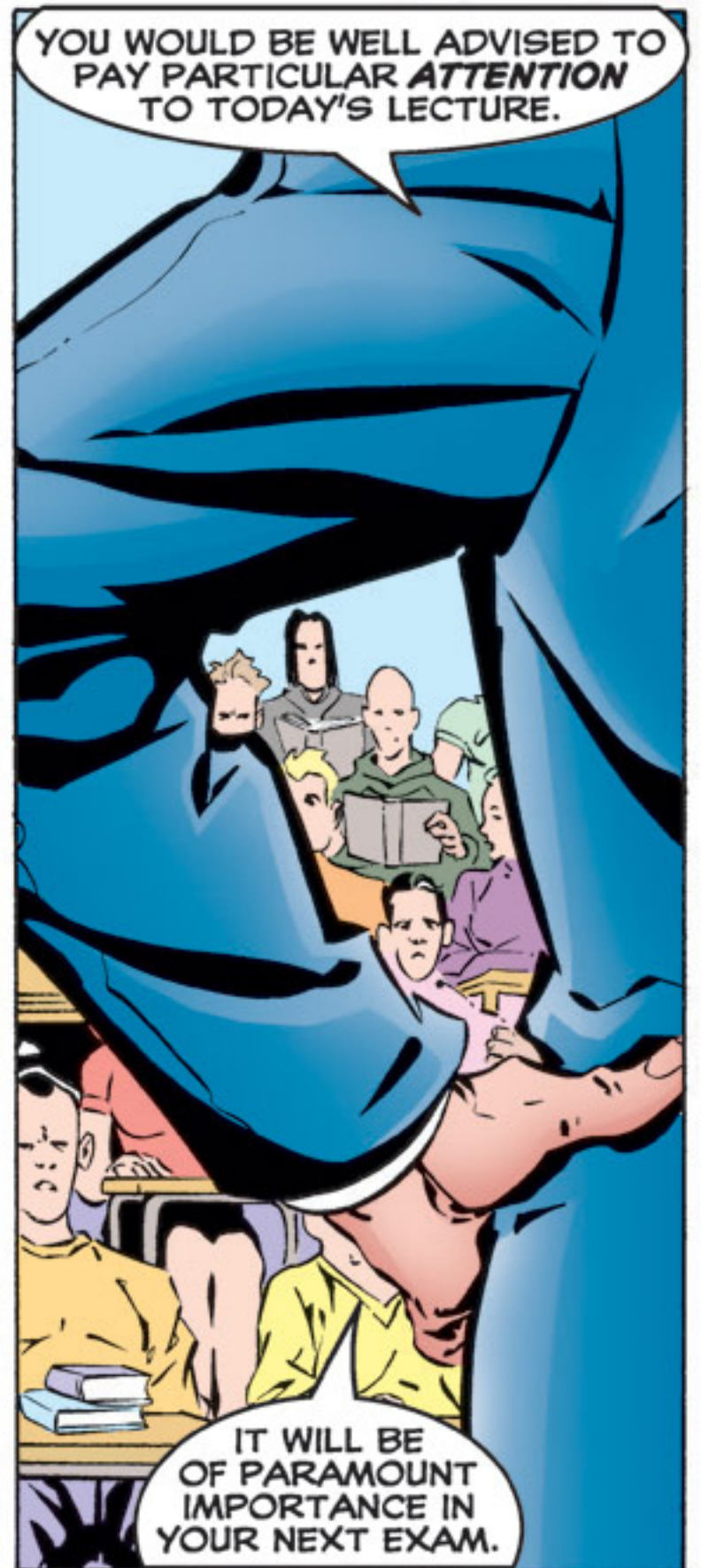


I WON'T GIVE UP WITHOUT A **FIGHT!**



JOE AND I HAVE INVESTED TOO MUCH INTO OUR MARRIAGE!

I'VE JUST GOT TO CONVINCE HIM TO **QUIT** THAT STUPID JOB BEFORE IT KILLS HIM!



YOU WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO PAY PARTICULAR **ATTENTION** TO TODAY'S LECTURE.

IT WILL BE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN YOUR NEXT EXAM.



I NOTICE THAT WE'RE MISSING TWO STUDENTS TODAY... Mr. **FEIN** AND Mr. **PARKER**.



FEIN'S DOWN WITH THE **FLU**, PROFESSOR HOWARD BUT I THOUGHT I SAW PARKER WALKING TOWARD THE **CAFETERIA** EARLIER.

READ PP. 124-180
CHAP 2
ASSIGN DUE. 12

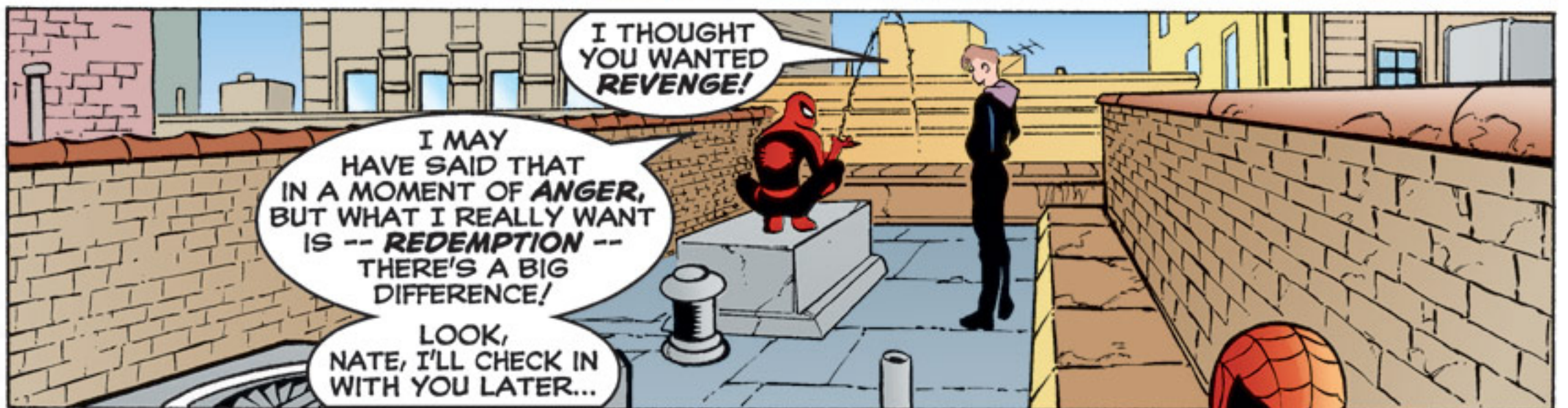
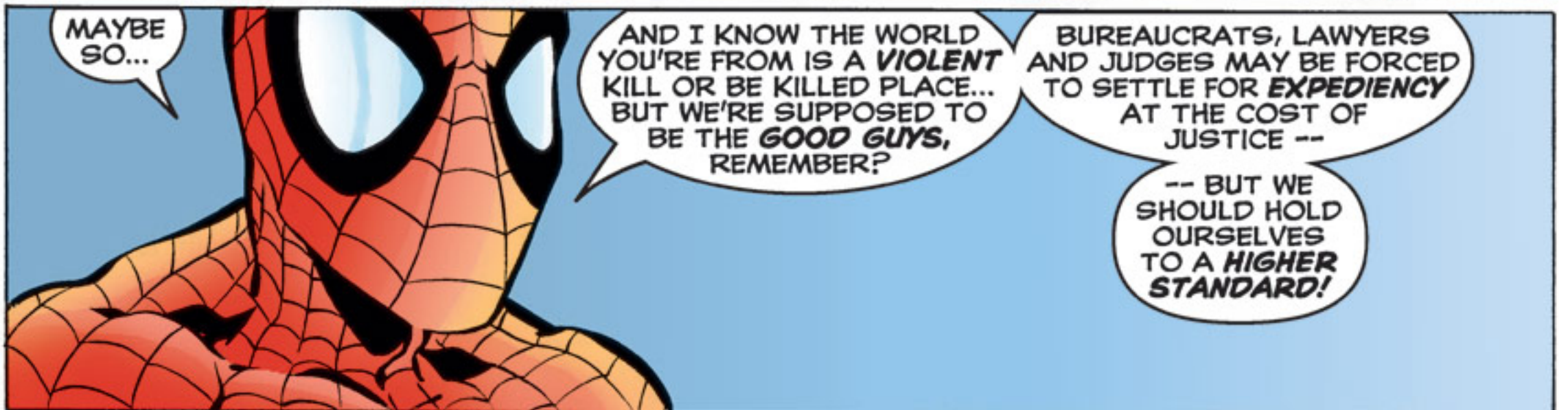
REALLY?!
HE OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T CONSIDER THIS CLASS A HIGH PRIORITY.



HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND, Mr. STACY -- PLEASE MAKE YOUR NOTES AVAILABLE TO BOTH OF OUR ABSENTEES.

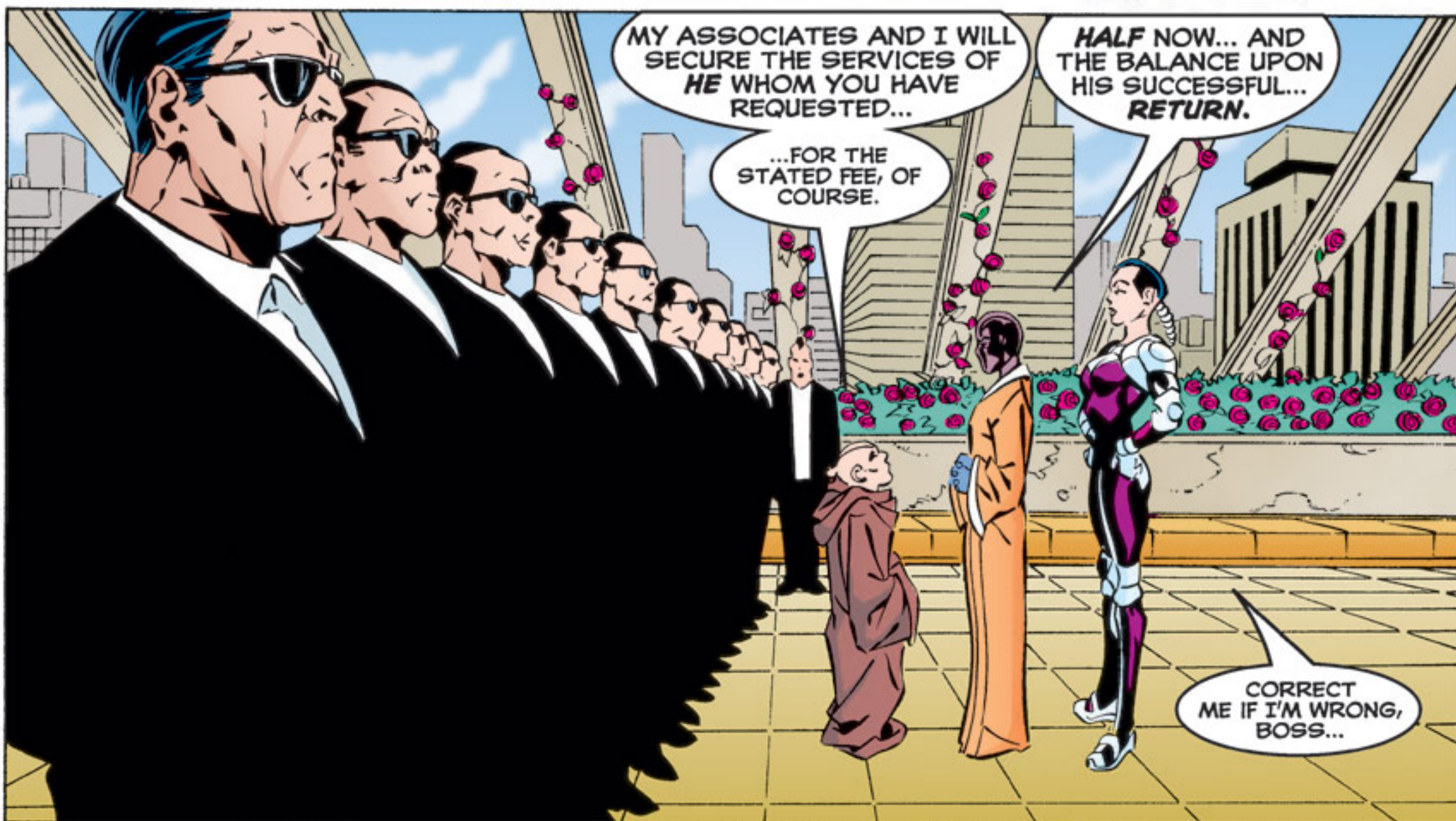
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, PROFESSOR!

YEAH ... **RIGHT!**





WE ARE **AGREED**,
Mr. ROSE.



MY ASSOCIATES AND I WILL
SECURE THE SERVICES OF
HE WHOM YOU HAVE
REQUESTED...

HALF NOW... AND
THE BALANCE UPON
HIS SUCCESSFUL...
RETURN.

...FOR THE
STATED FEE, OF
COURSE.

CORRECT
ME IF I'M WRONG,
BOSS...



AREN'T THESE THE SAME
True Believer
NINJAS WHO USED TO
JOB OUT FOR YOUR
ENEMY, THE
Black
Tarantula?

LIKE
I ALWAYS
SAY, IF YOU
CAN'T **BEAT** THE
COMPETITION...
YOU **HIRE**
IT!

I
STILL SAY
THIS PLAN IS
Pure
Creep-o.



EVEN
IF IT MEANS
WE LOSE
ELECTRO?

CAN
I DO THE
HONORS?

ACTUALLY...



I HAD
SOMEONE
ELSE IN
MIND!

DAILY BUGLE

PARKER!

LET A WORKING MAN PASS, KID! I GOTTA GET DOWN TO THE BOWERY!

THERE'S BEEN A **BOMBING** AT A SUPPOSEDLY ABANDONED POWER STATION!

YOU BE CAREFUL, LOU!

SOUNDS LIKE ELECTRO'S WORK, BUT HE'LL BE LONG GONE BY NOW.

I'D BETTER CHECK IN WITH ROBBIE, AND -- Uh, Oh!

MY TIMING'S AS BAD AS MY LUCK!

LOOKS LIKE HE AND HIS WIFE ARE SQUABBLING AGAIN.

I WONDER IF SHE'S REAMING HIM OVER THE **HOURS** -- AND **DANGERS** -- ASSOCIATED WITH HIS JOB.

Oh, MAA-AAN! THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD!

GO AFTER HER, ROBBIE! THAT'S THE WOMAN YOU LOVE!

YOU NEED TO GET YOUR **PRIORITIES** IN ORDER, MAN --

-- AND SO DO I! MARY JANE'S RIGHT! I'VE BEEN ALLOWING **ELECTRO** TO DOMINATE MY LIFE, AND I PUT MY OWN MARRIAGE AT **RISK!**

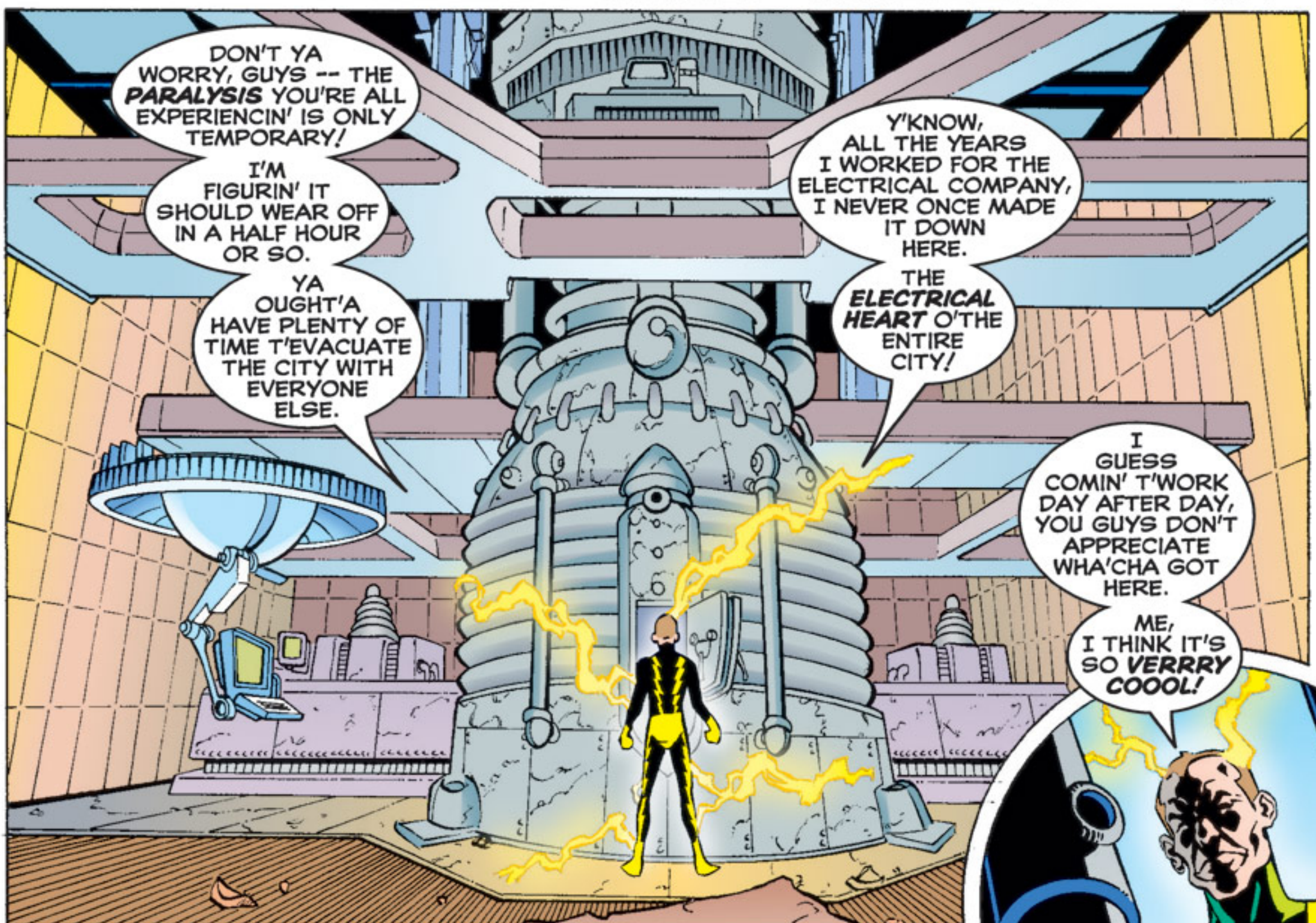
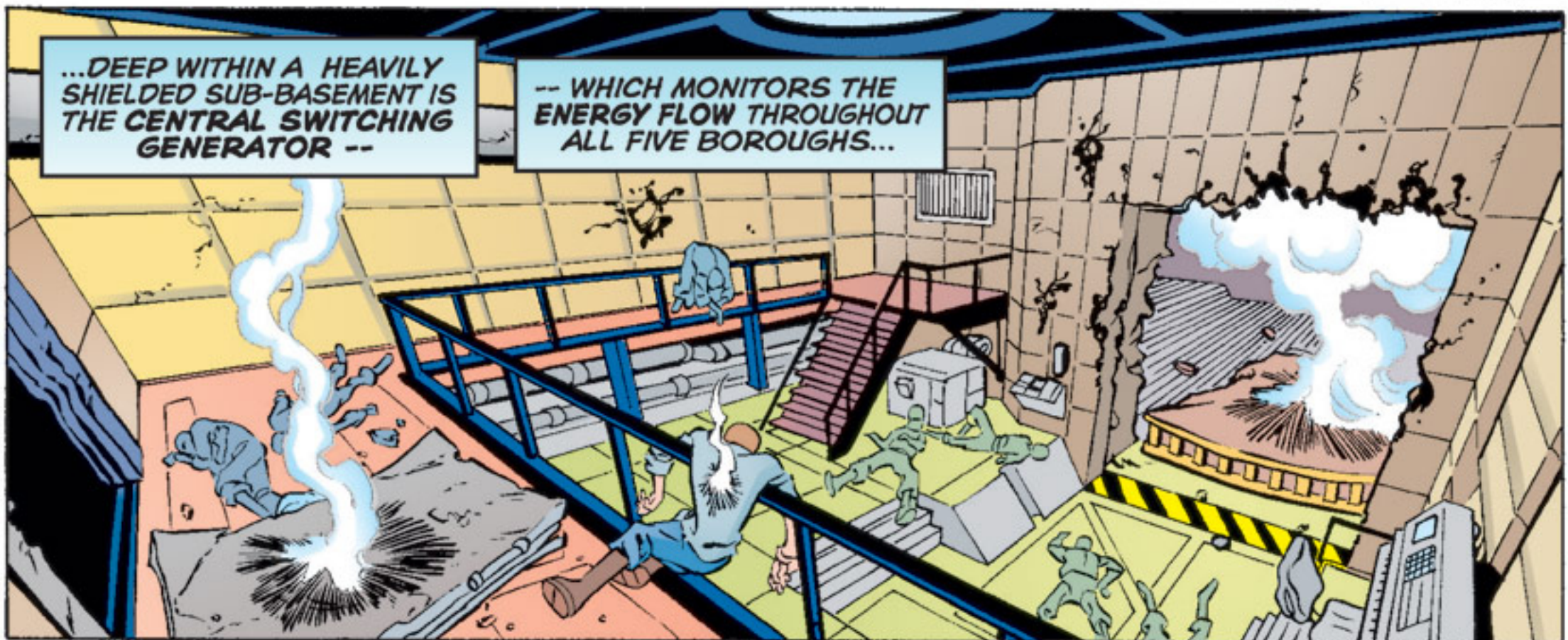
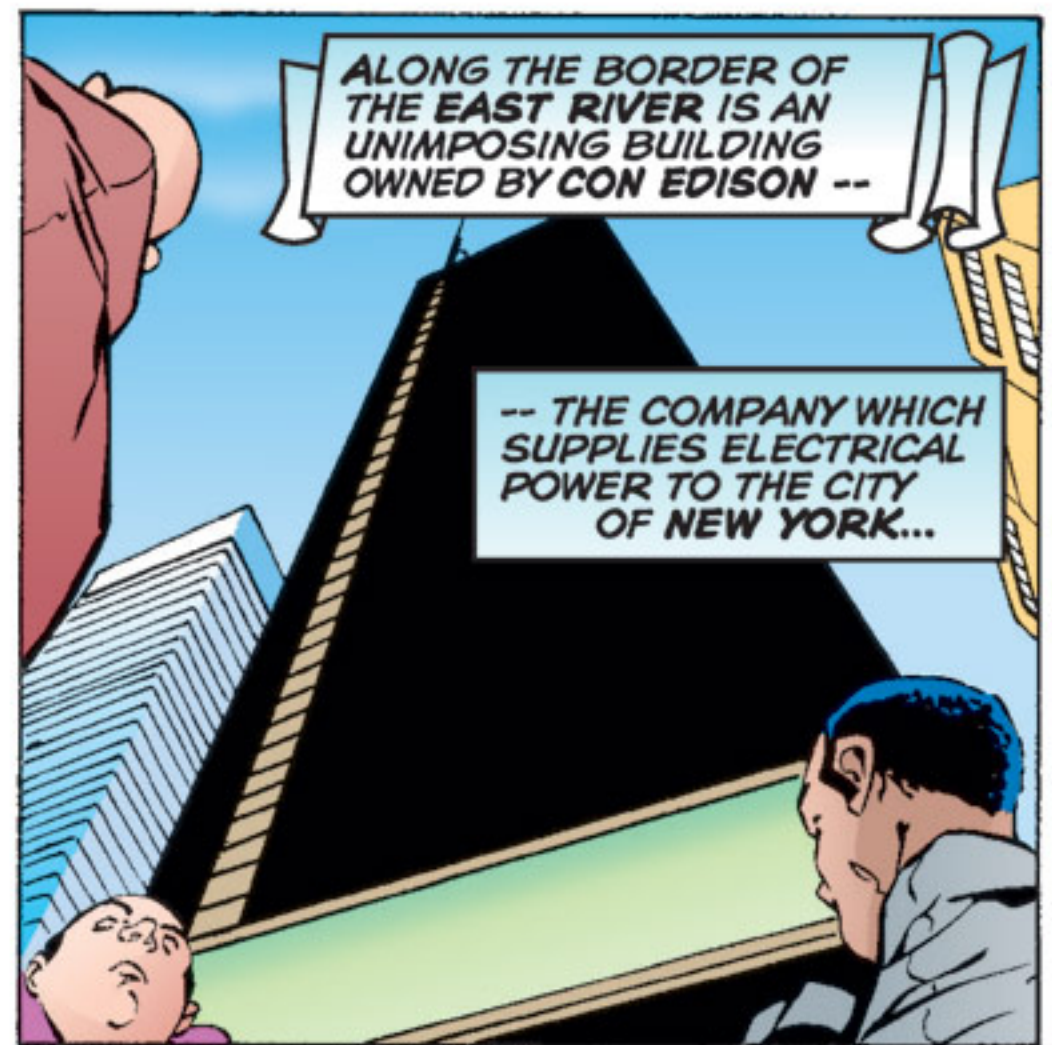
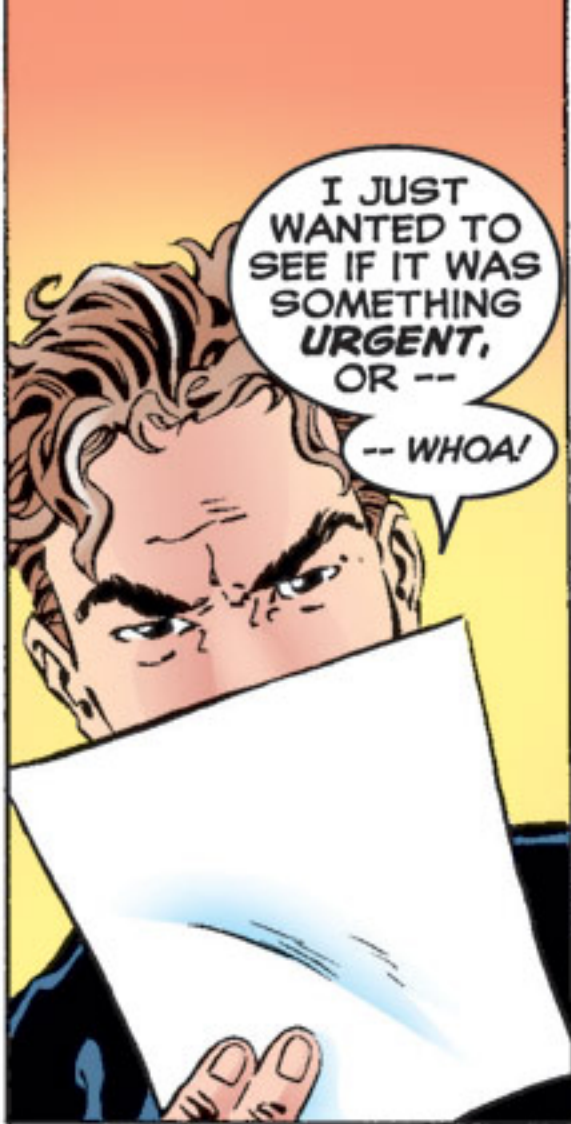
I'VE GOT TO BEG HER FORGIVENESS AND --

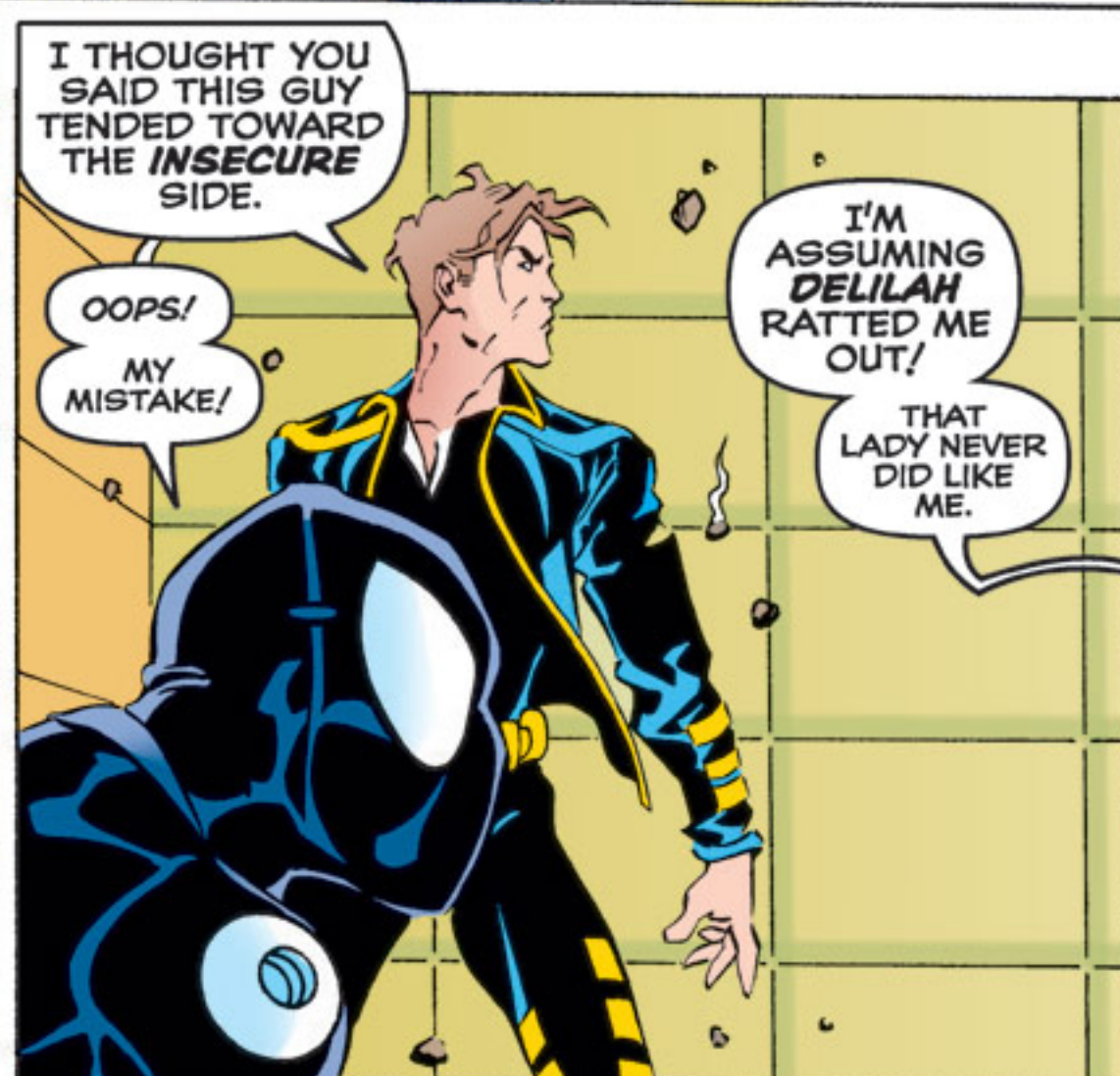
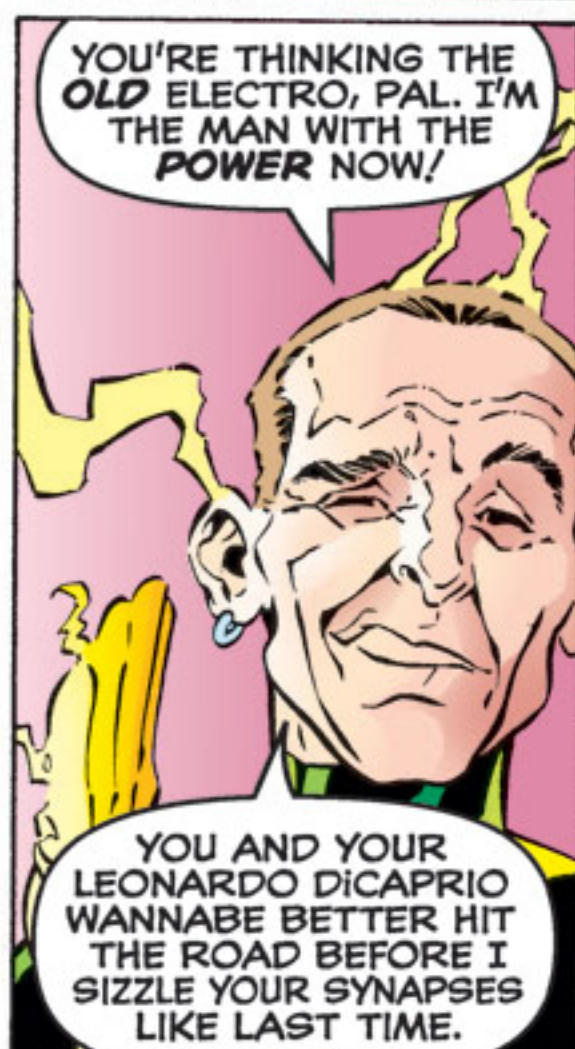
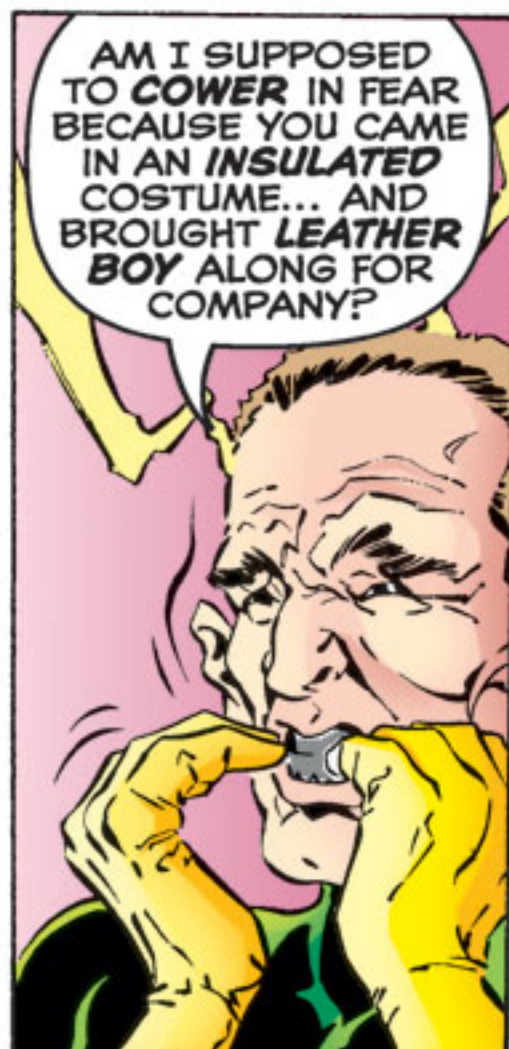
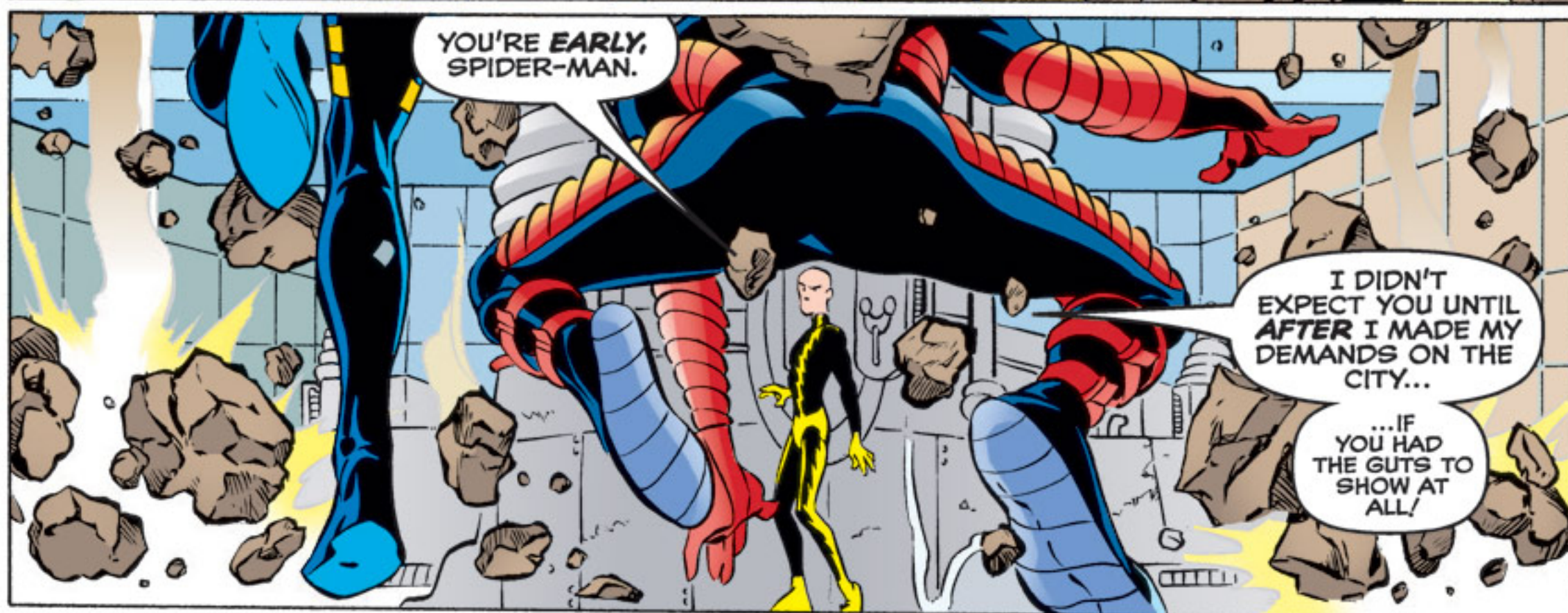
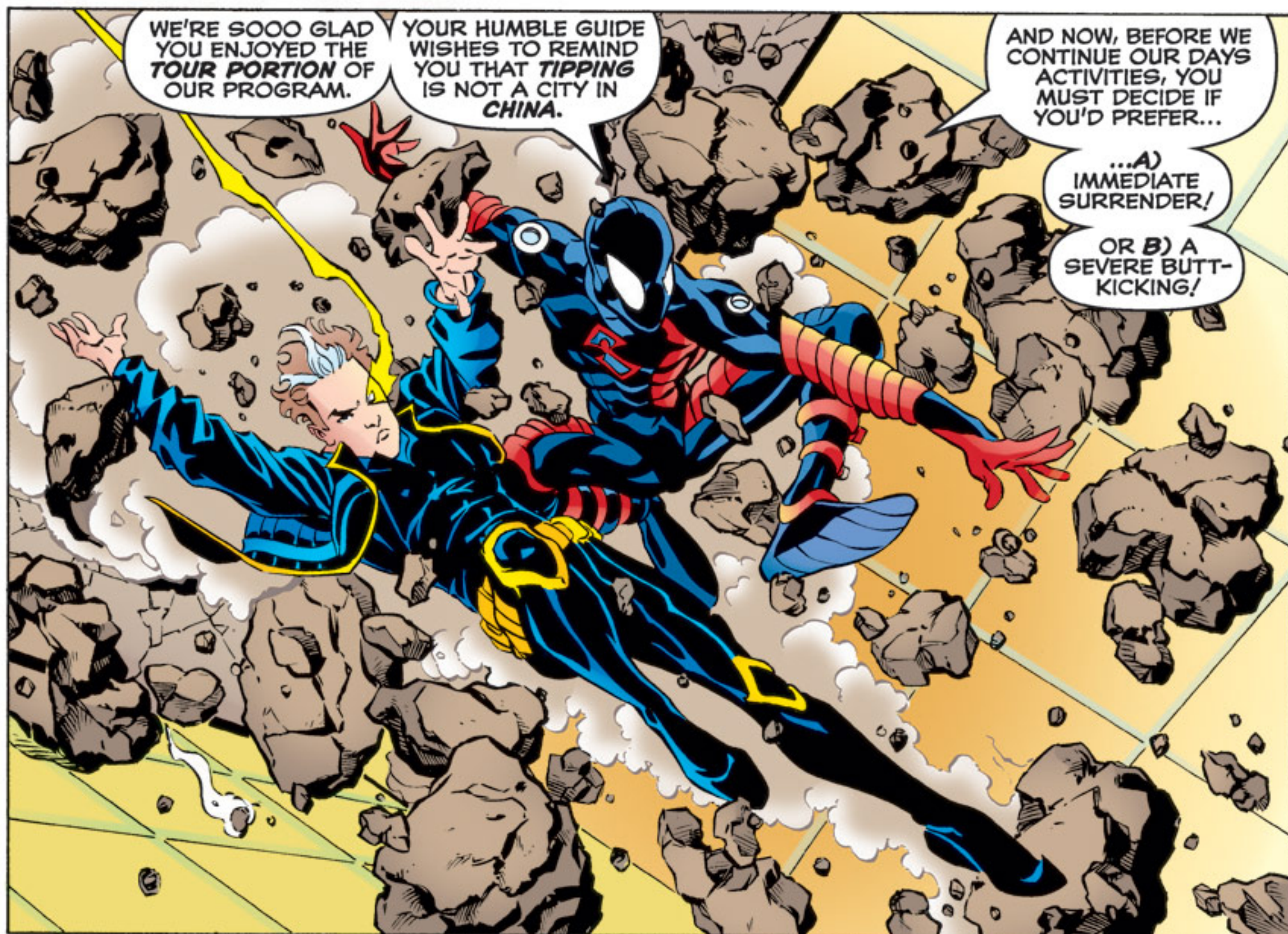
YO, PARKER --!

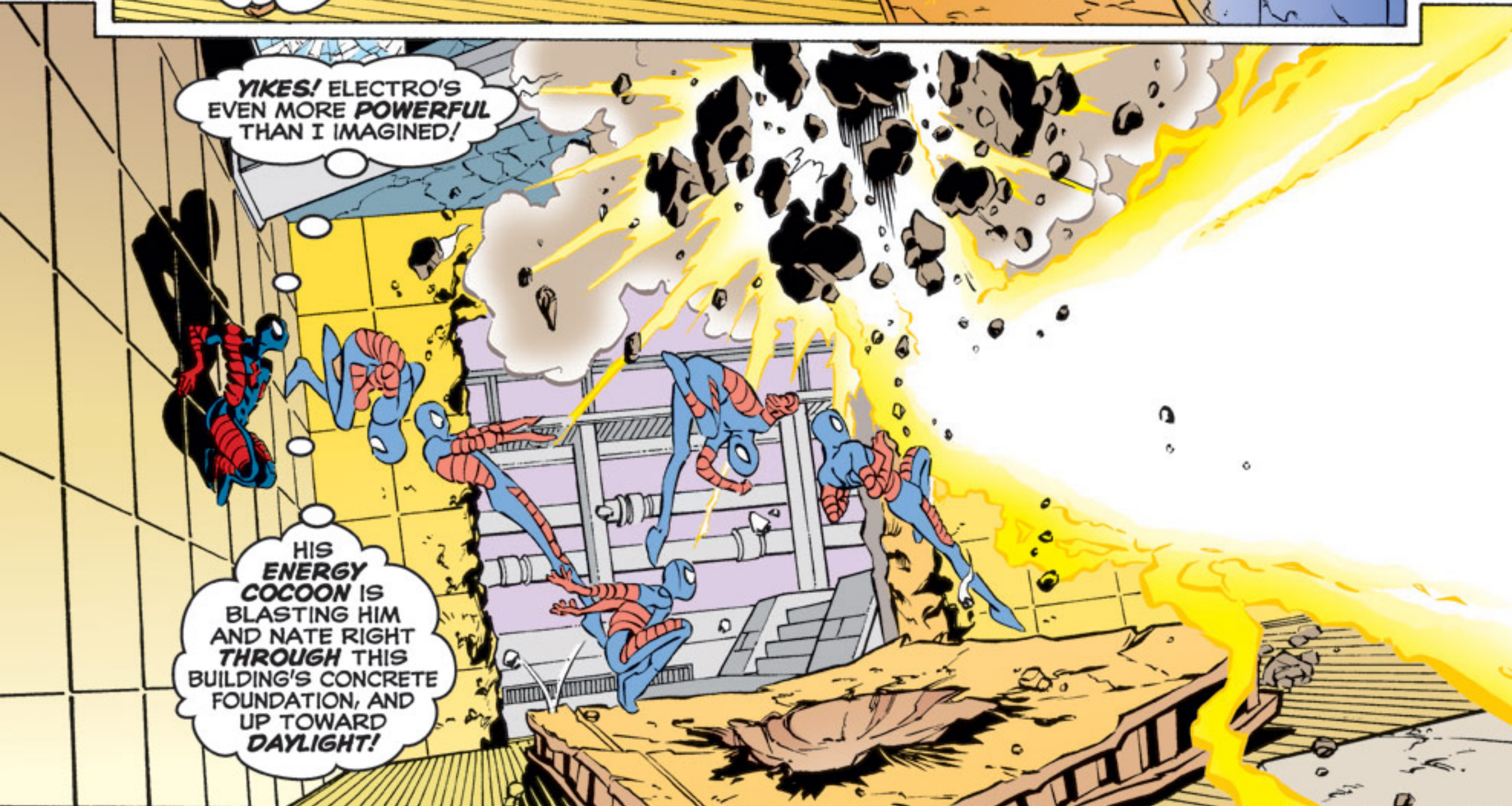
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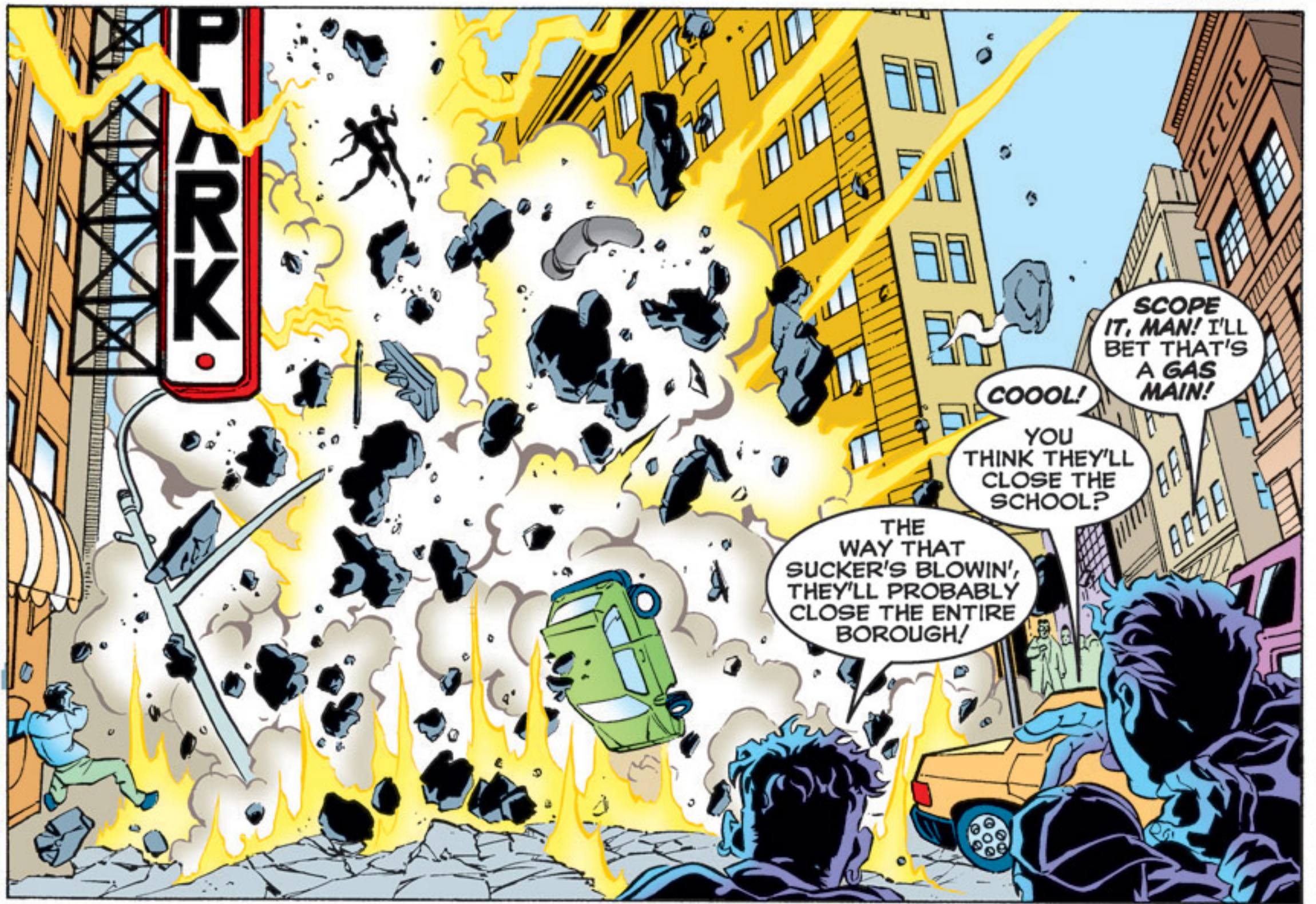
I FIGURED YOU COULD DELIVER IT NEXT TIME YOU SNAP HIS PHOTO.

HEY! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO OPEN IT --!





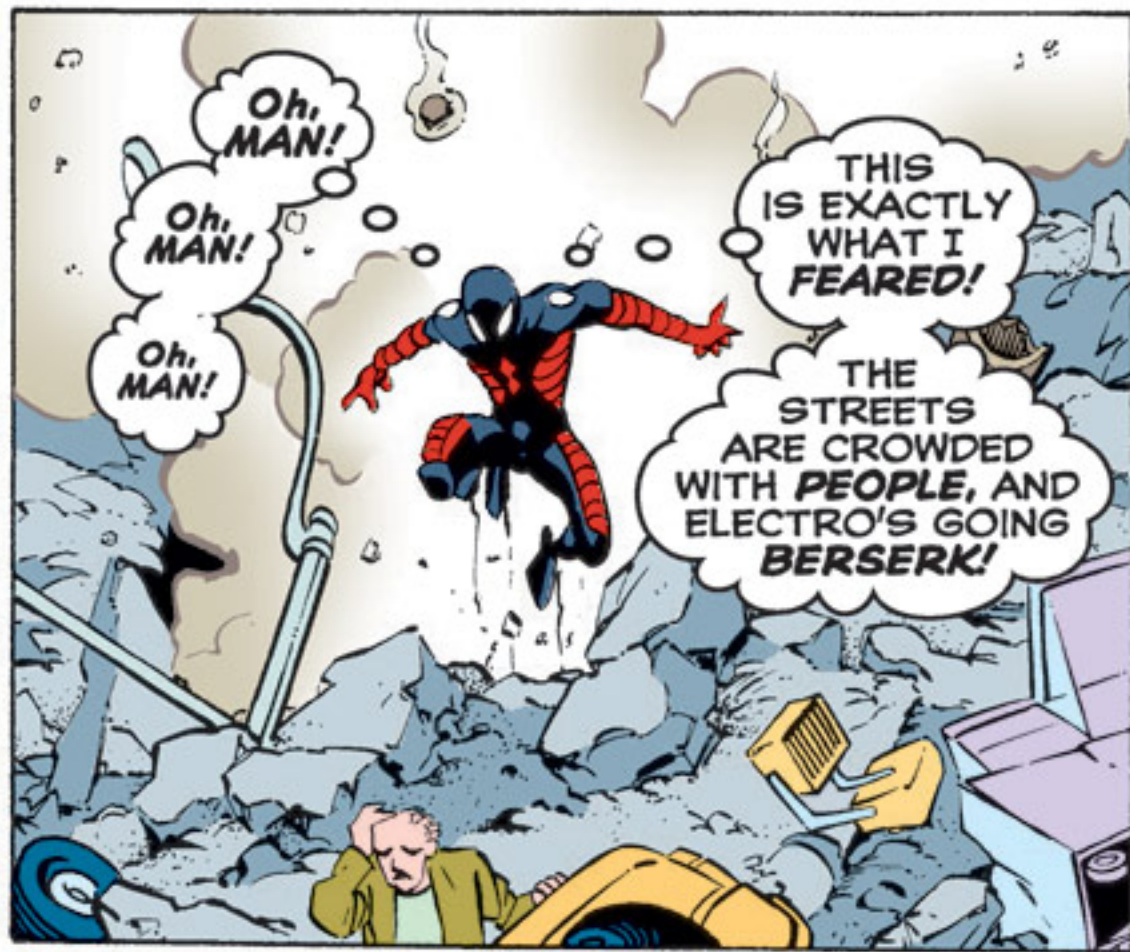




SCOPE IT, MAN! I'LL BET THAT'S A GAS MAIN!

COOOOL! YOU THINK THEY'LL CLOSE THE SCHOOL?

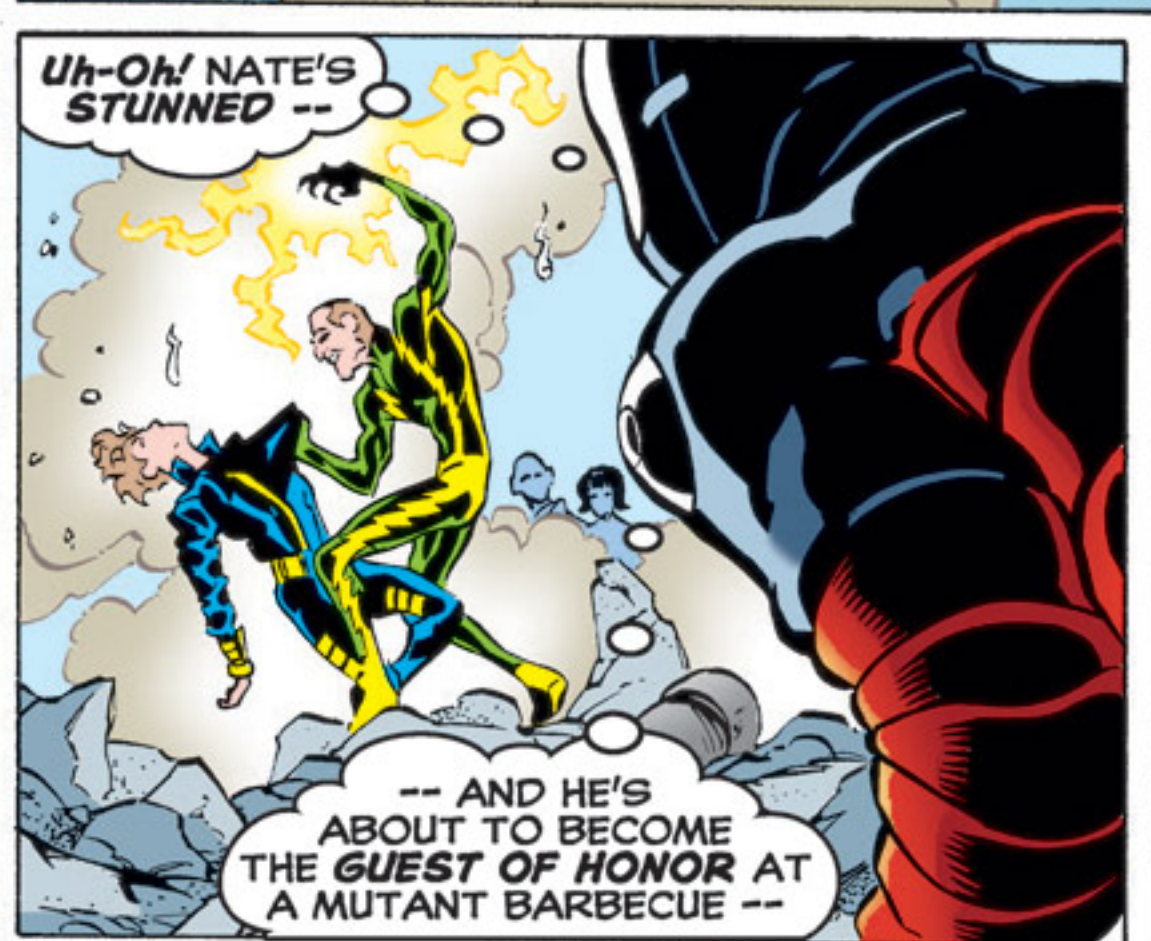
THE WAY THAT SUCKER'S BLOWIN', THEY'LL PROBABLY CLOSE THE ENTIRE BOROUGH!



Oh, MAN!
Oh, MAN!
Oh, MAN!

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I FEARED!

THE STREETS ARE CROWDED WITH **PEOPLE**, AND ELECTRO'S GOING **BERSERK!**

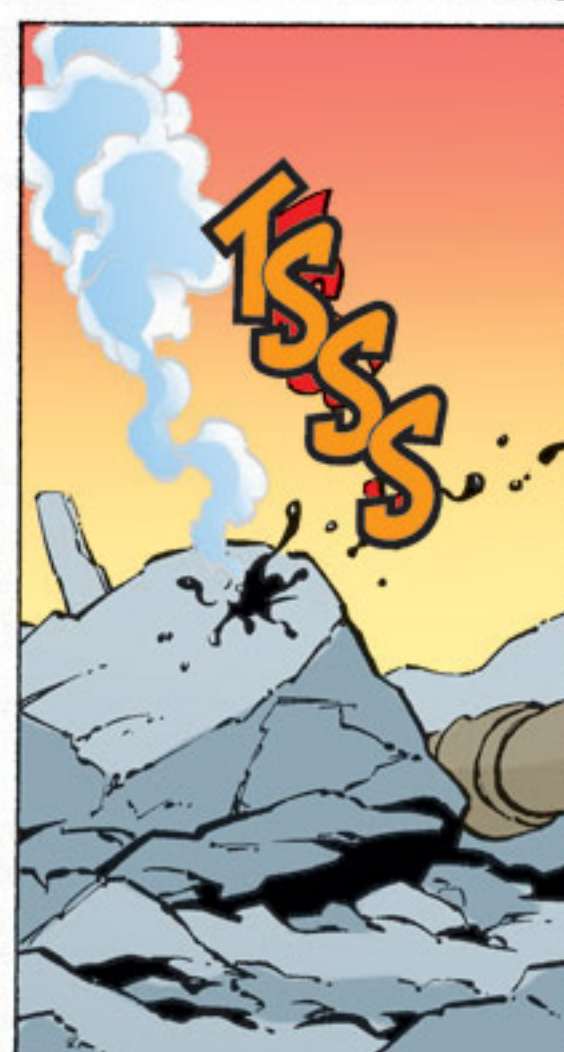


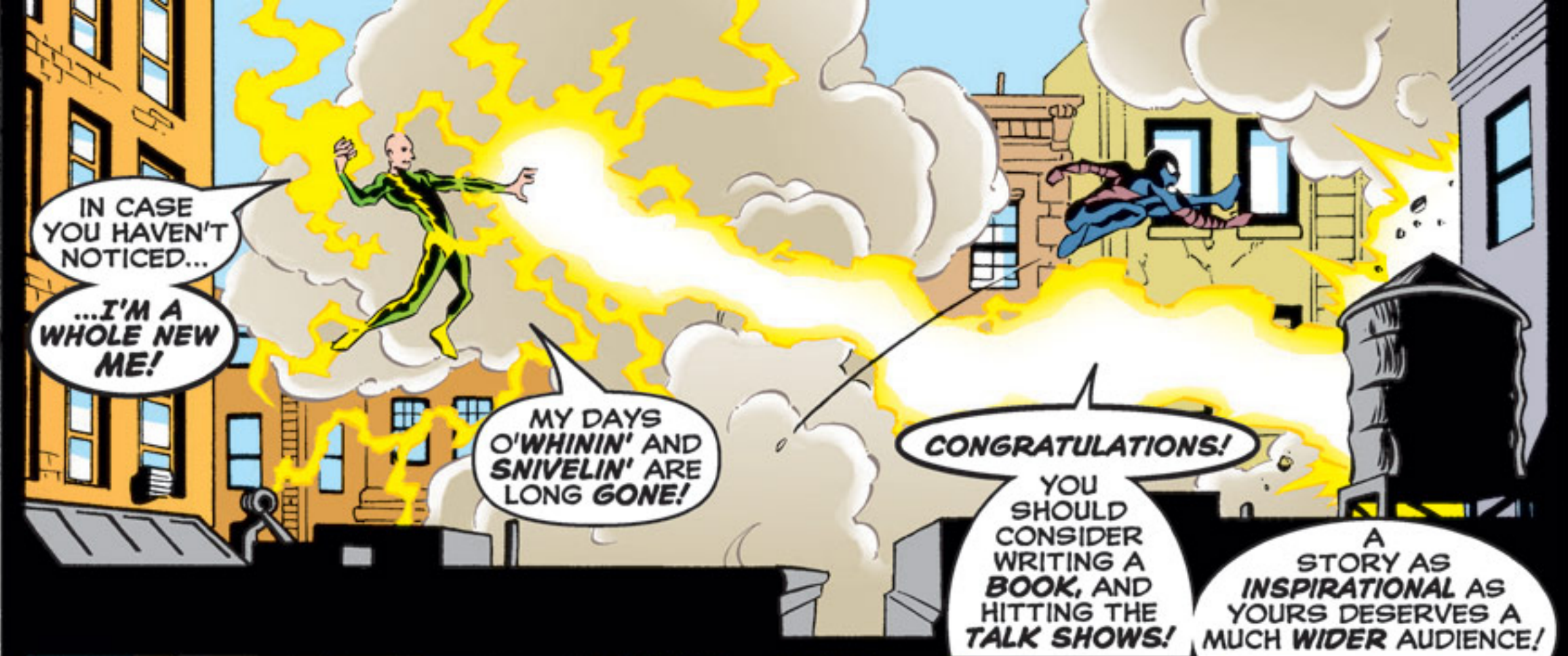
Uh-Oh! NATE'S STUNNED --

-- AND HE'S ABOUT TO BECOME THE **GUEST OF HONOR** AT A **MUTANT BARBECUE** --



-- UNLESS I DO MY **HERO** THING!





IN CASE
YOU HAVEN'T
NOTICED...

...I'M A
WHOLE NEW
ME!

MY DAYS
O'WHININ' AND
SNIVELIN' ARE
LONG GONE!

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU
SHOULD
CONSIDER
WRITING A
BOOK, AND
HITTING THE
TALK SHOWS!

A
STORY AS
INSPIRATIONAL AS
YOURS DESERVES A
MUCH WIDER AUDIENCE!



I-IT'S
TAKING ALL
MY **SPEED** --
ALL MY **AGILITY** --
TO STAY AHEAD OF
HIS ELECTRICAL
BARRAGE --

-- BUT
I **CAN'T** KEEP
THIS PACE
UP MUCH
LONGER!

I'M
STARTING
TO **TIRE**, AND
JURKKKE ALL THIS
TENSION IS
TRIGGERING MY
ULCER!



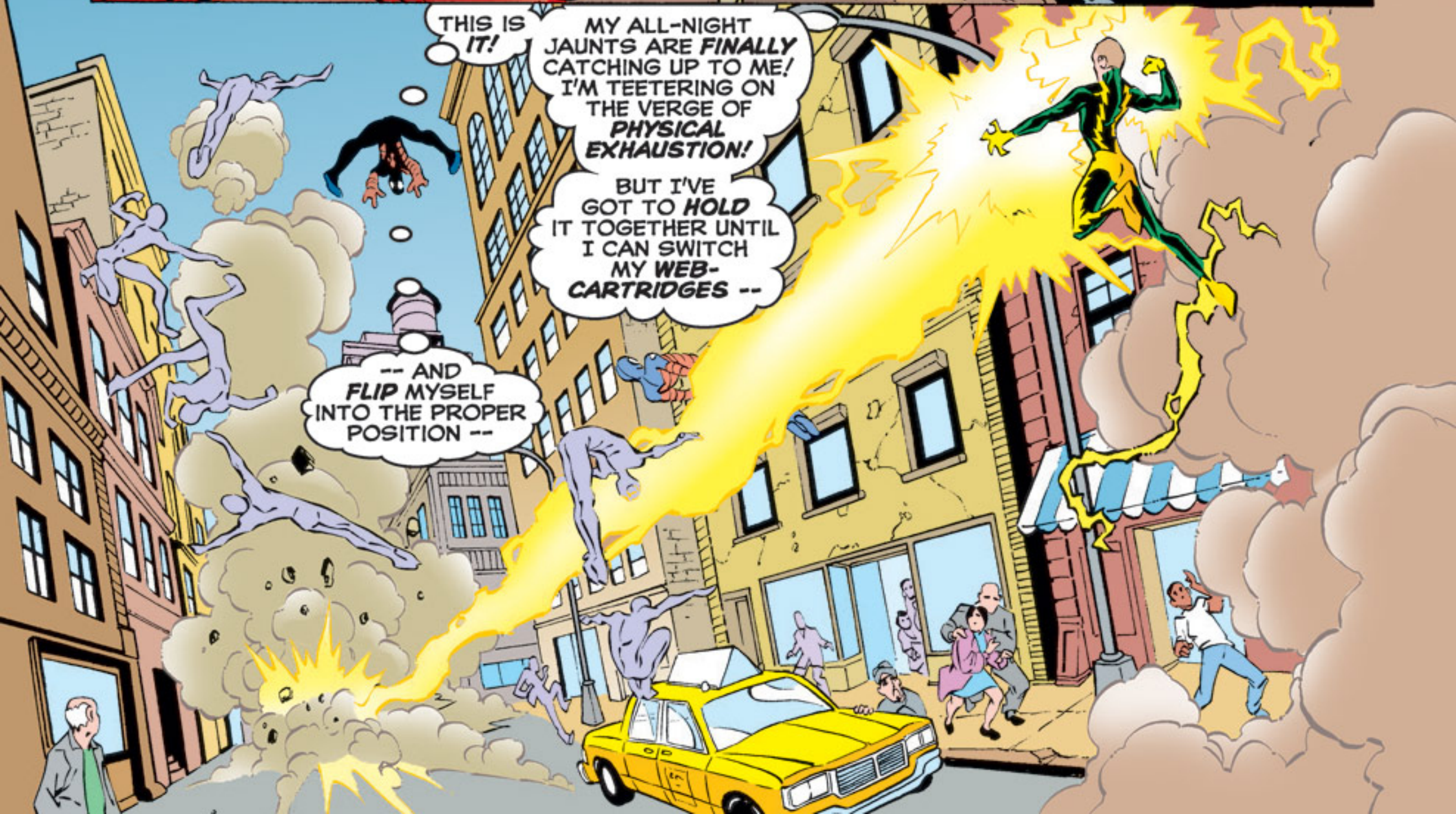
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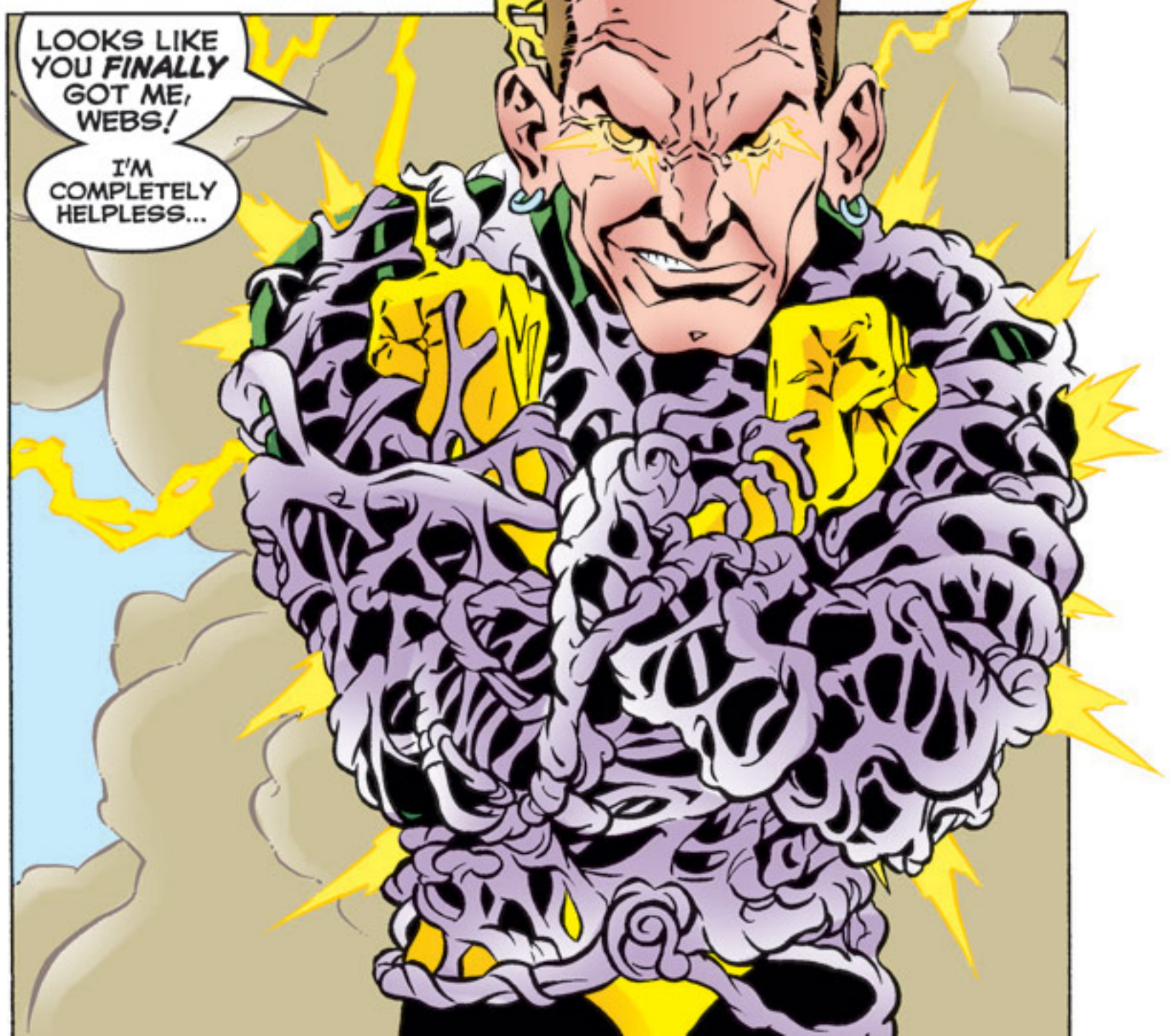
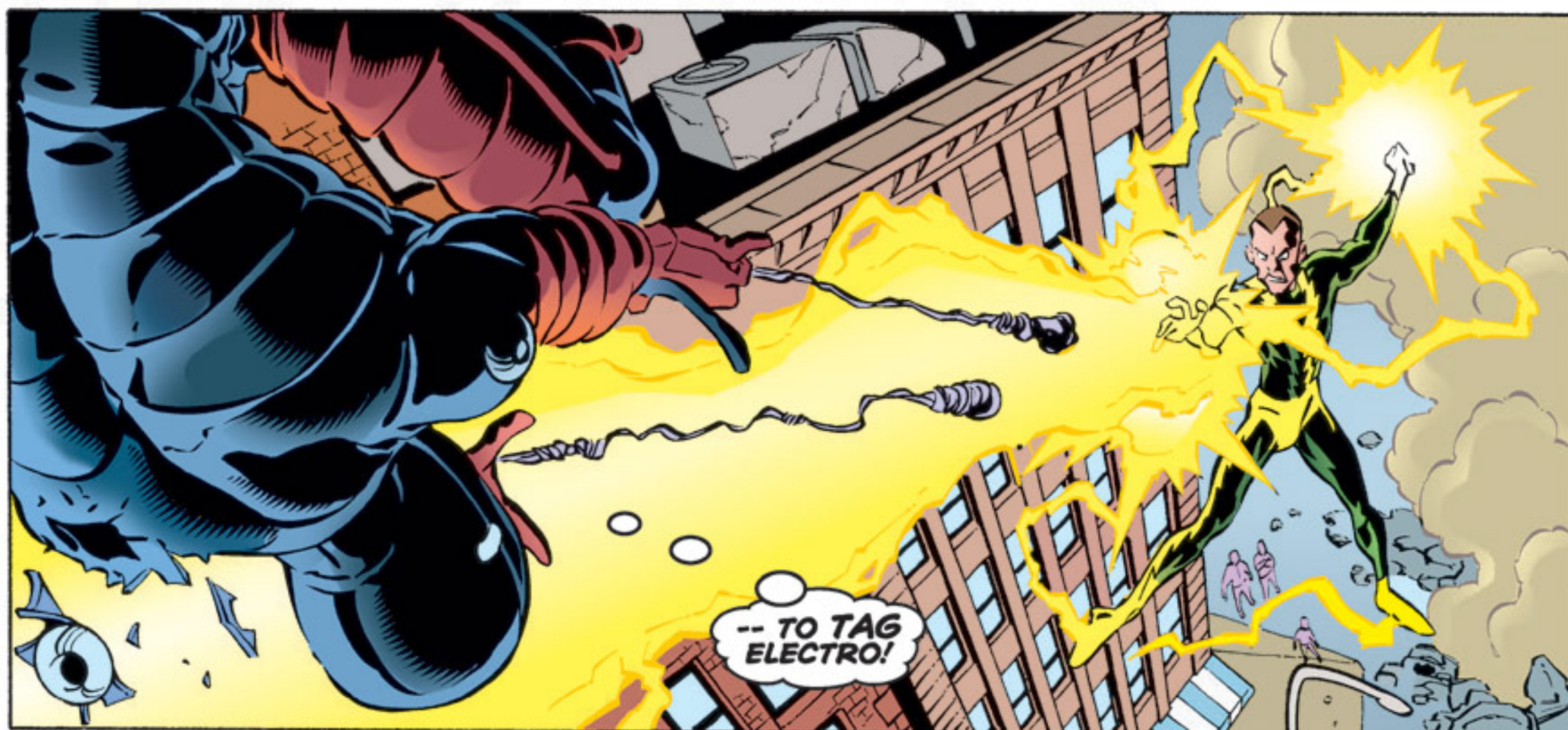
ELECTRO ISN'T
THE INEFFECTIVE
Dope
I THOUGHT!

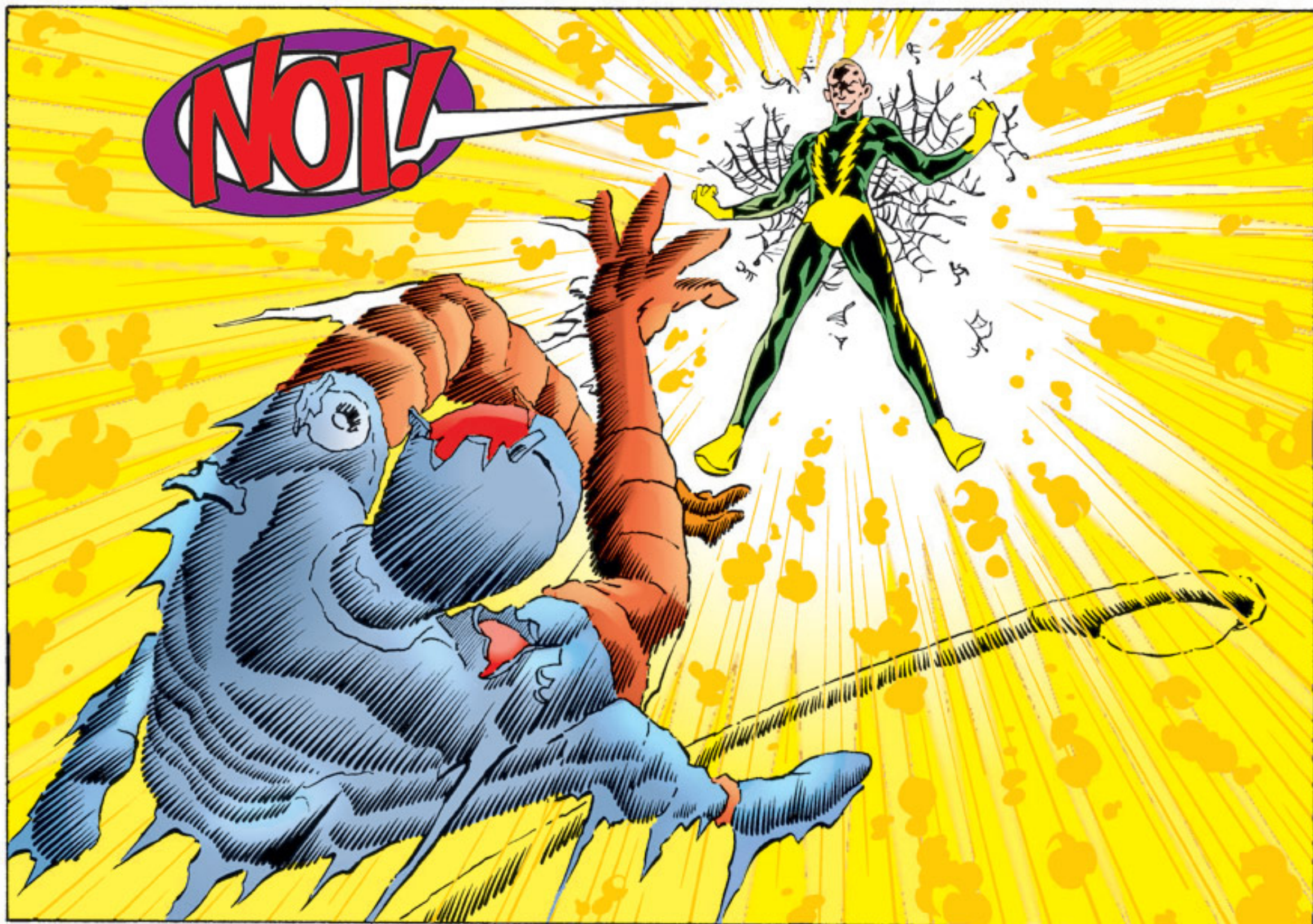
HE
APPEARS VIRTUALLY
Unstoppable!

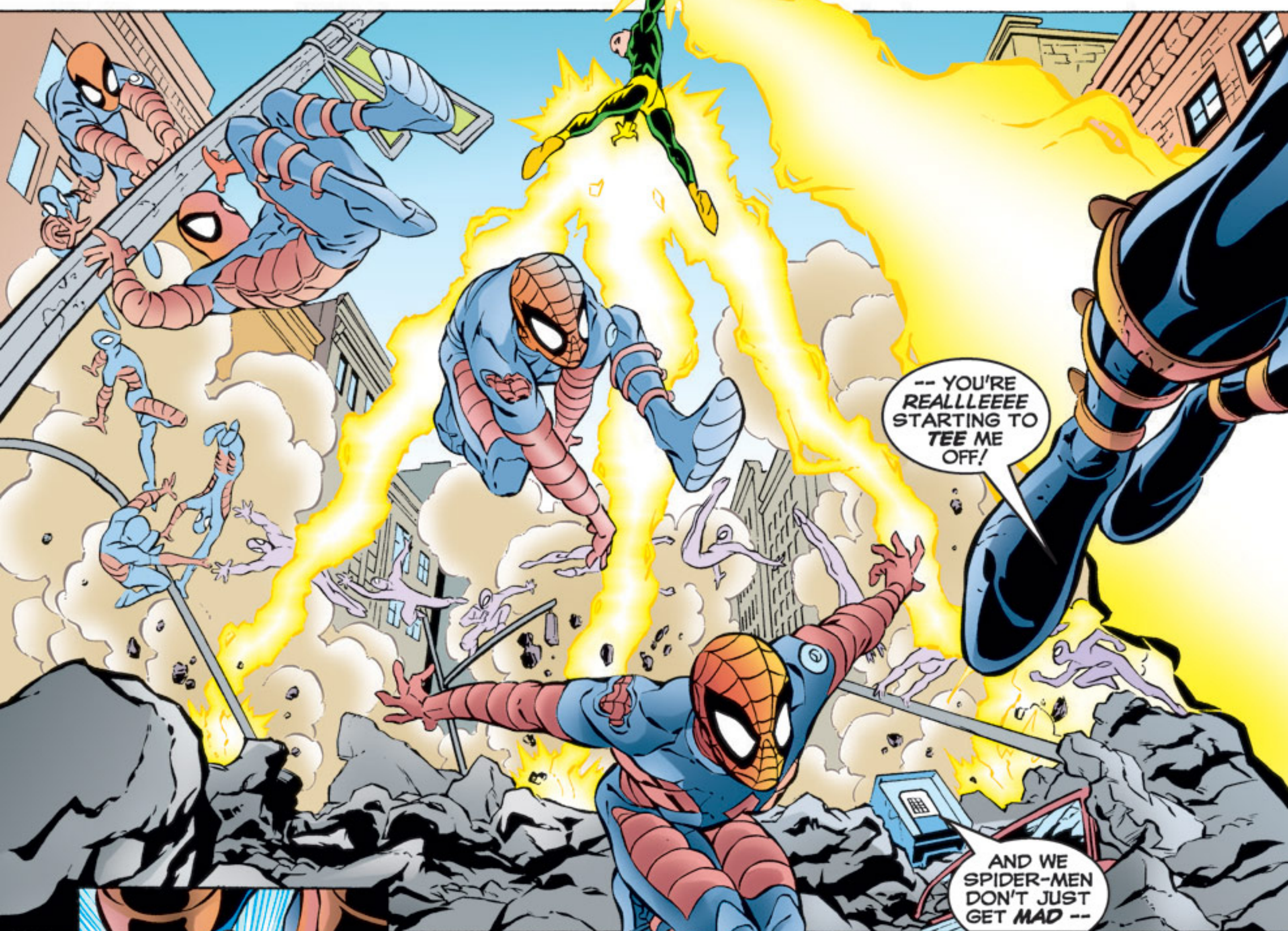
MAYBE I
SHOULD HAVE
TREATED HIM
Better
WHEN I HAD THE
CHANCE!

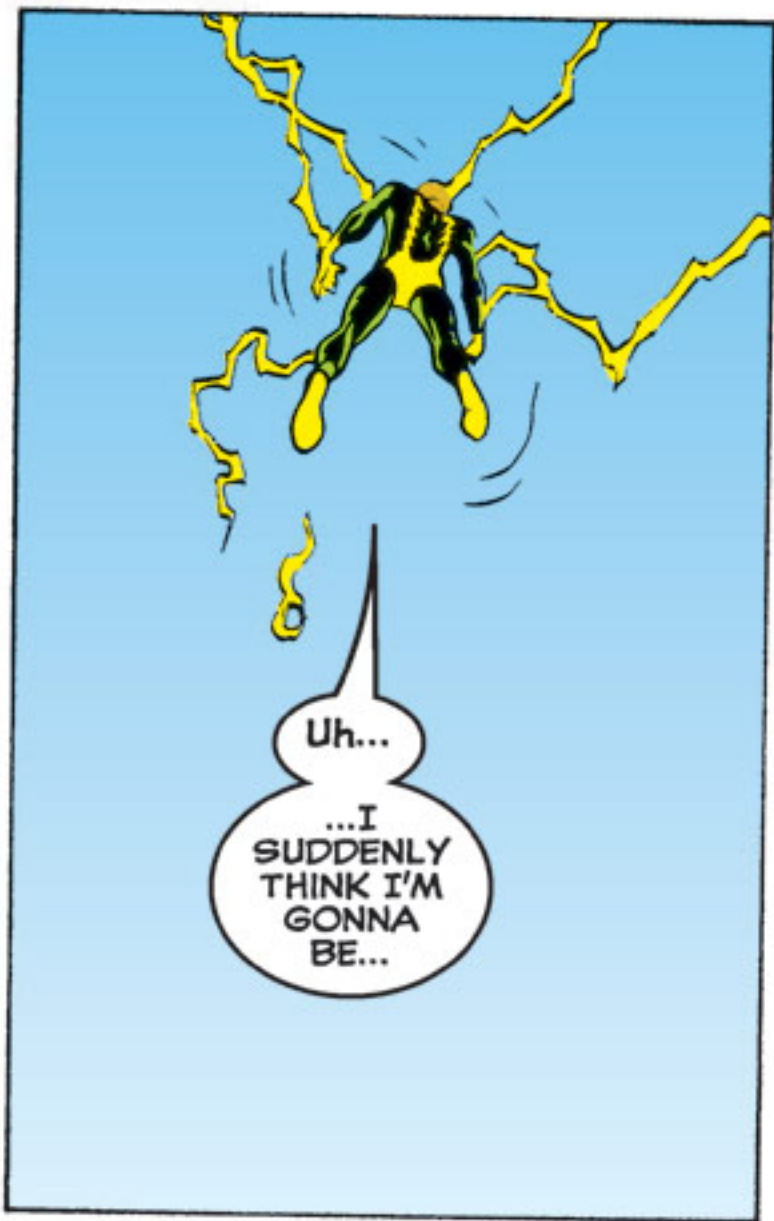
Nahhhh!







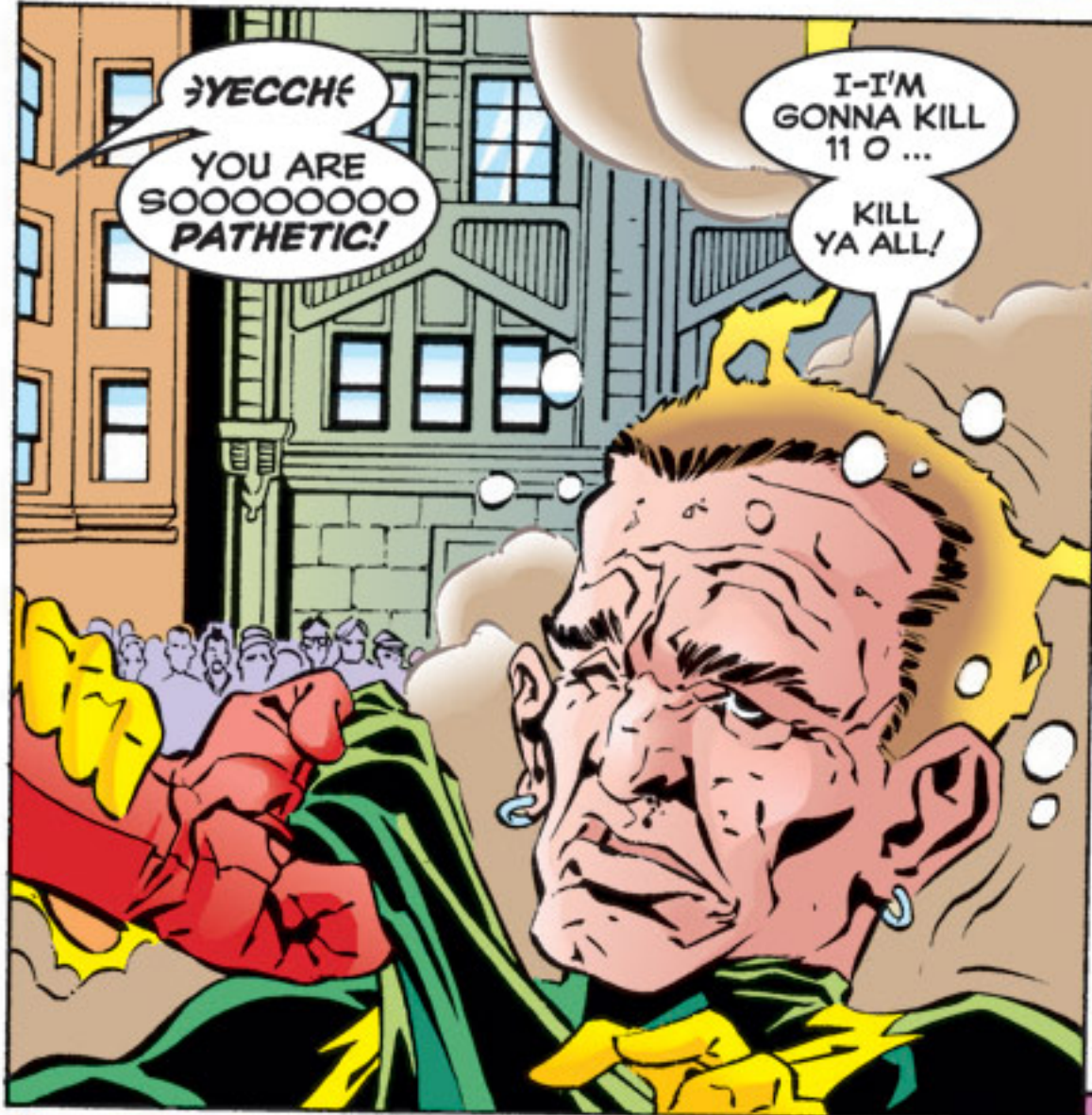




Uh...
...I
SUDDENLY
THINK I'M
GONNA
BE...

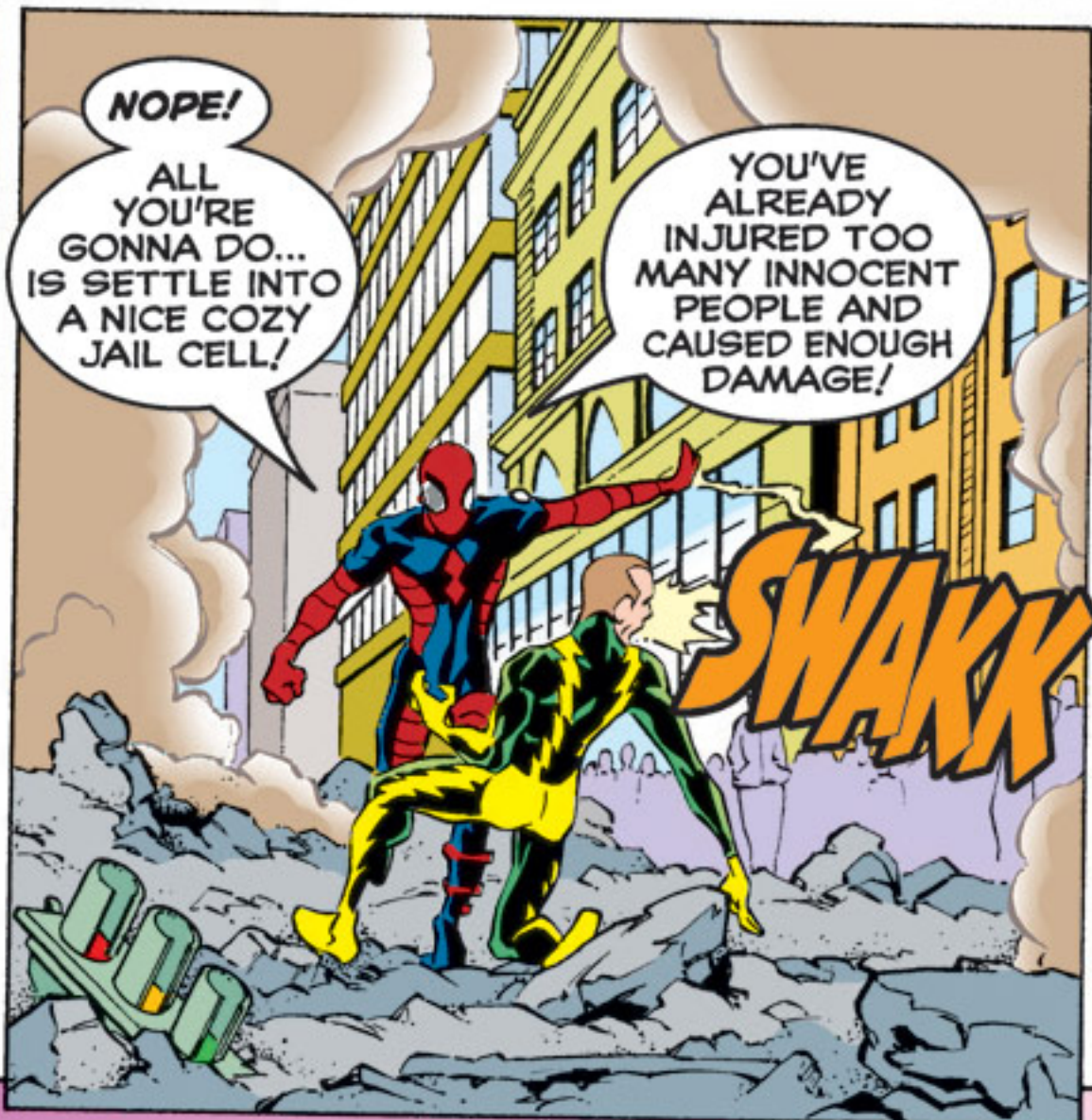


...SICK



»YECCHÉ
YOU ARE
SOOOOOOOO
PATHETIC!

I-I'M
GONNA KILL
11 O ...
KILL
YA ALL!



NOPE!
ALL
YOU'RE
GONNA DO...
IS SETTLE INTO
A NICE COZY
JAIL CELL!

YOU'VE
ALREADY
INJURED TOO
MANY INNOCENT
PEOPLE AND
CAUSED ENOUGH
DAMAGE!

SWAKK



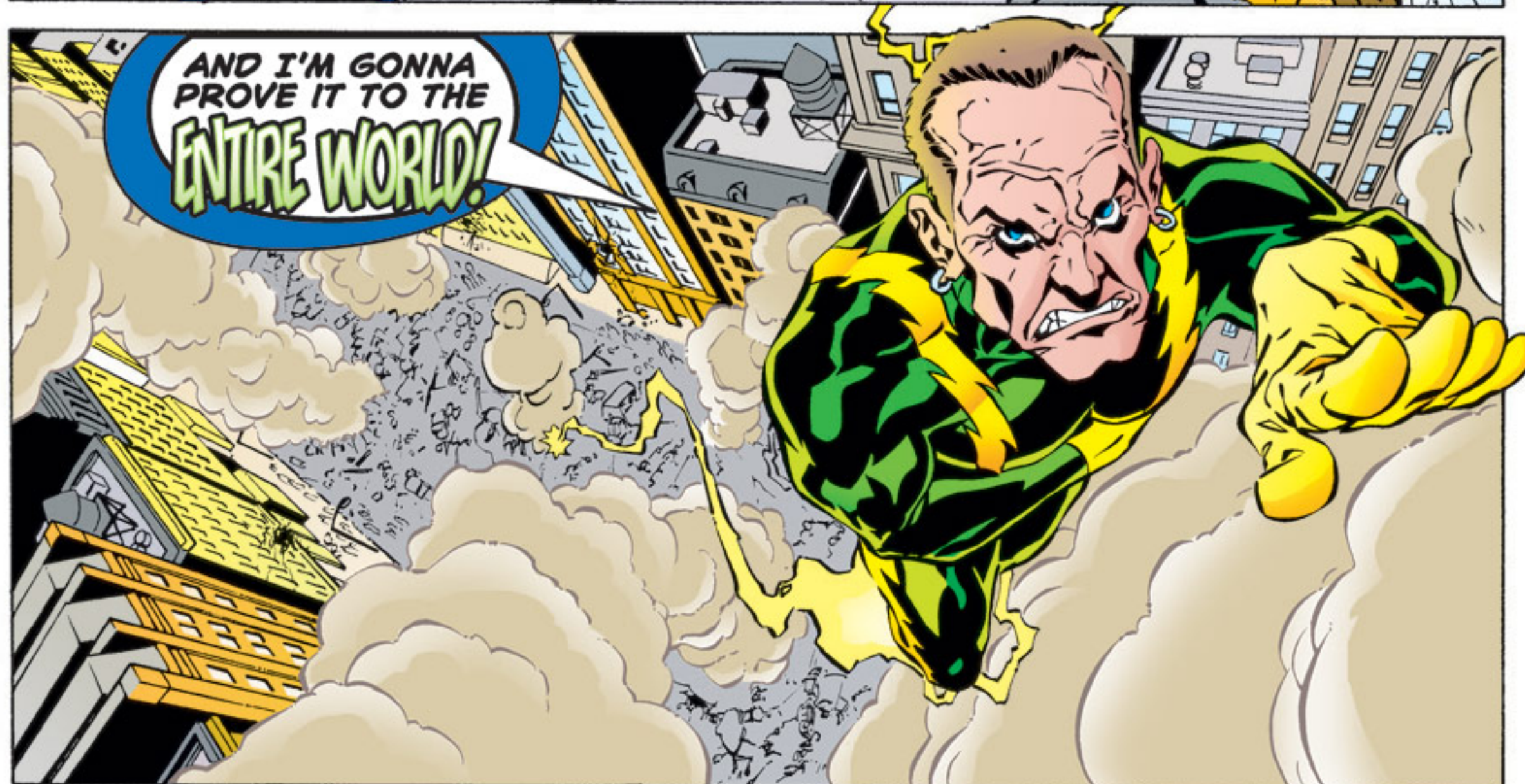
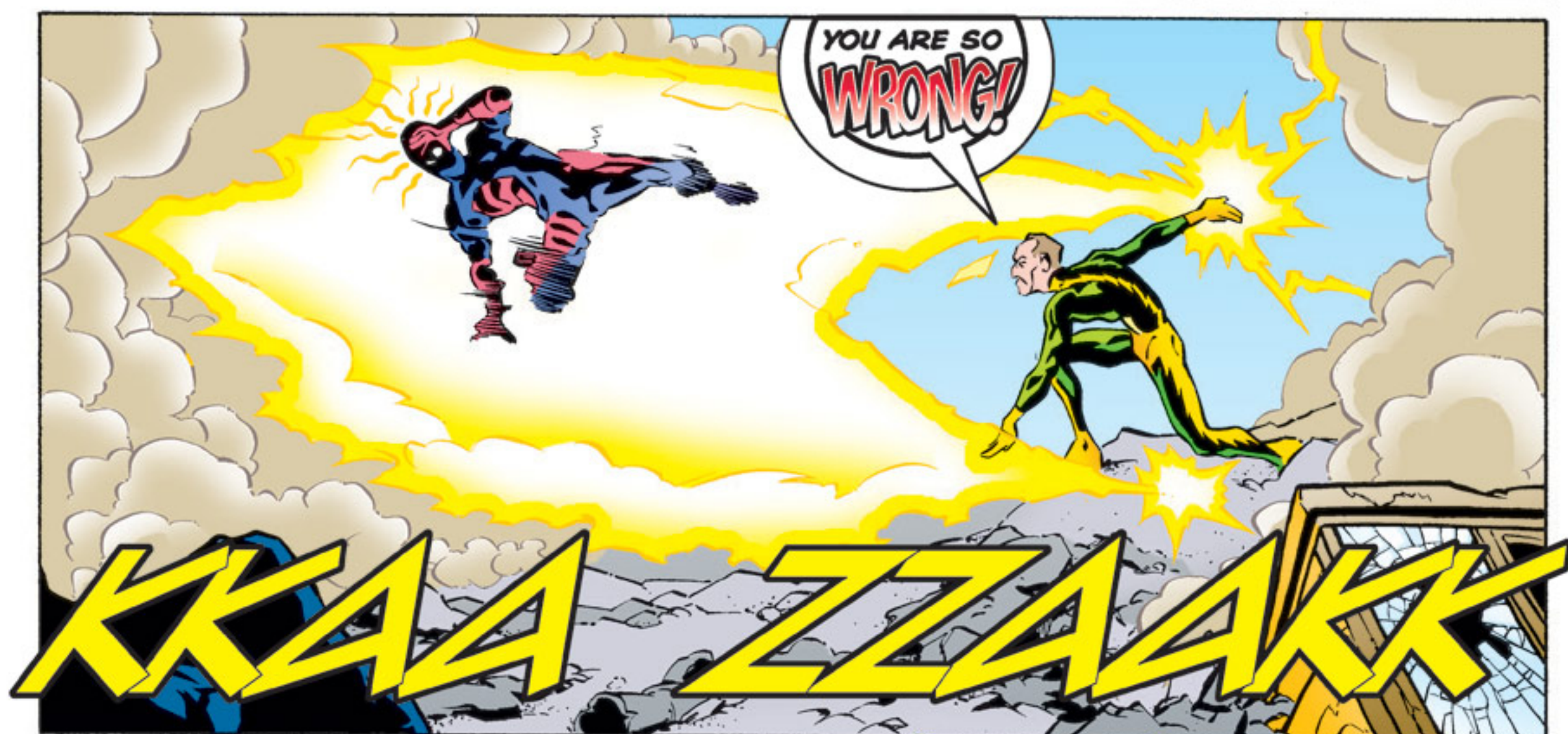
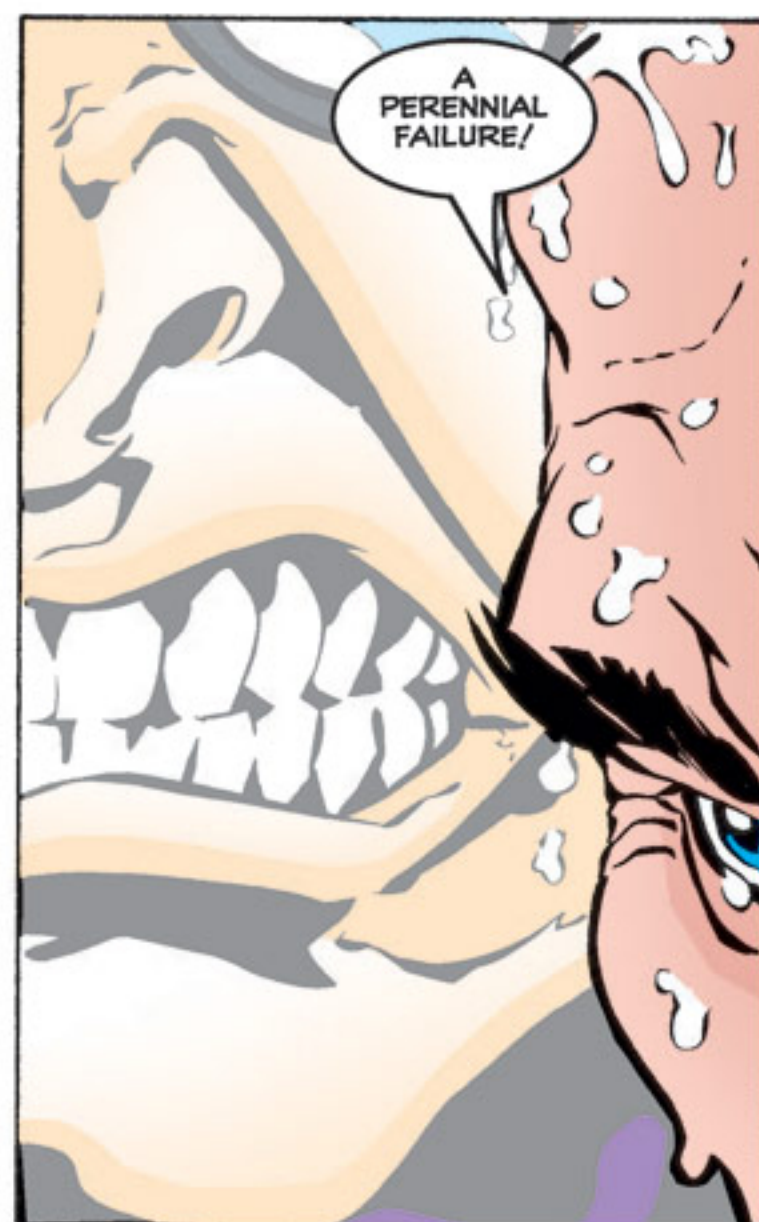
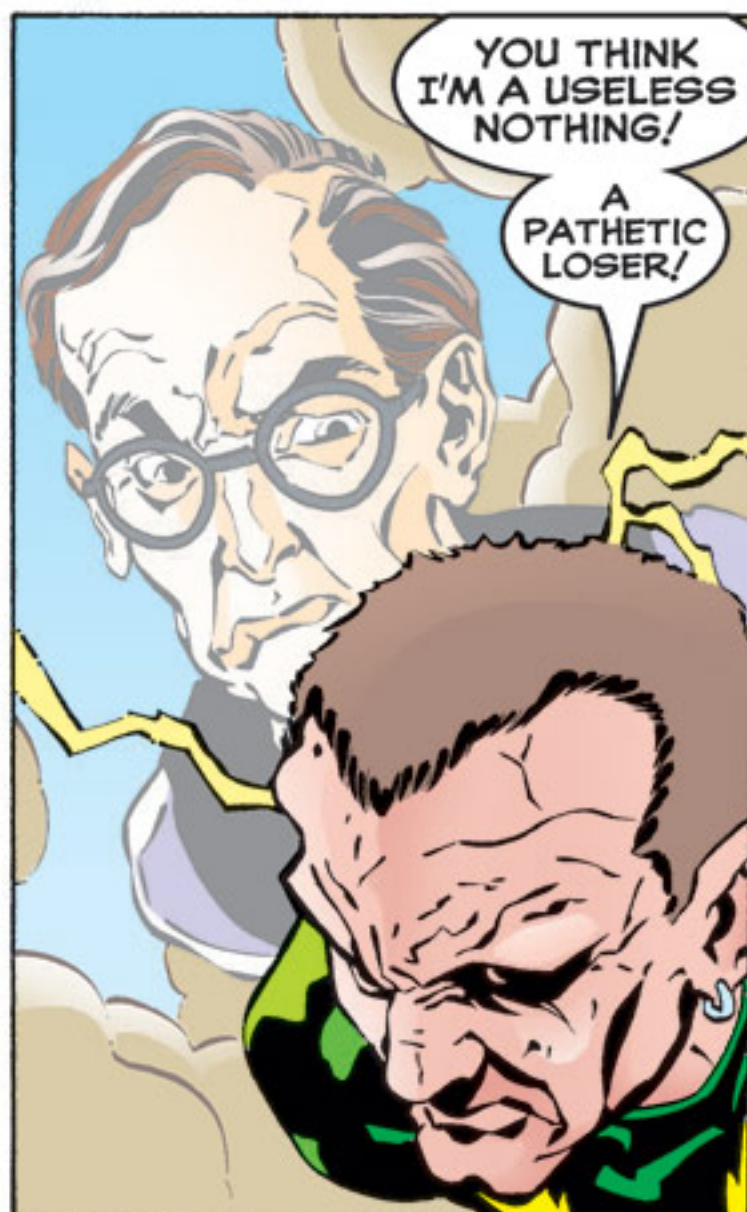
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I'M
HOLDING
MYSELF BACK,
BUSTER -- YOU
BETTER
APPRECIATE
IT!



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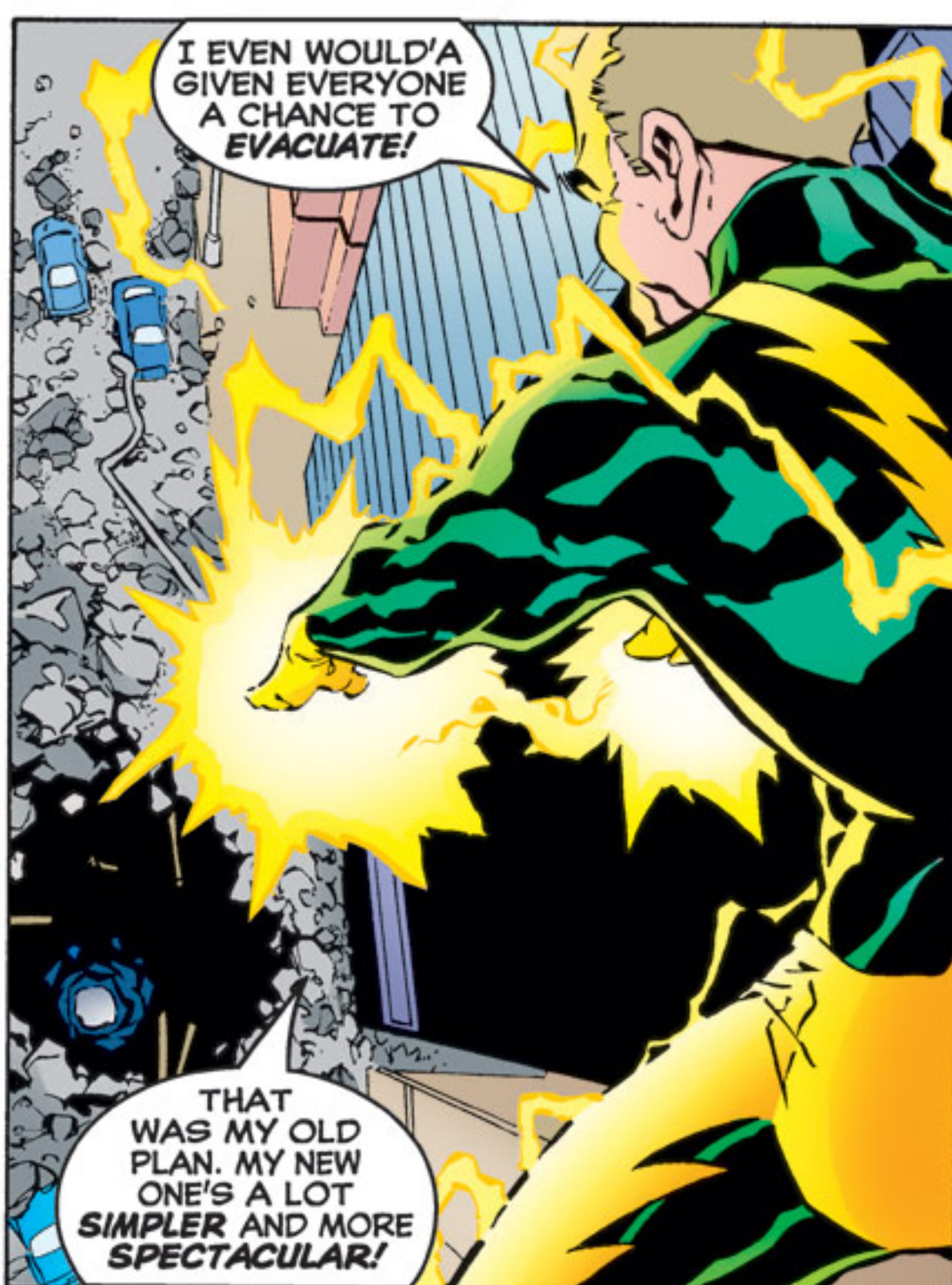
...I... I HOPE
YOU'RE PROUD OF
YOURSELF!





I WAS ORIGINALLY GONNA SET OFF A SIMPLE **ELECTRICAL BOMB!**

NOTHING FANCY! I JUST WANTED T'ESTABLISH MYSELF AS A **MAJOR PLAYER** BY TAKIN' OUT A FEW DOZEN **CITY BLOCKS!**

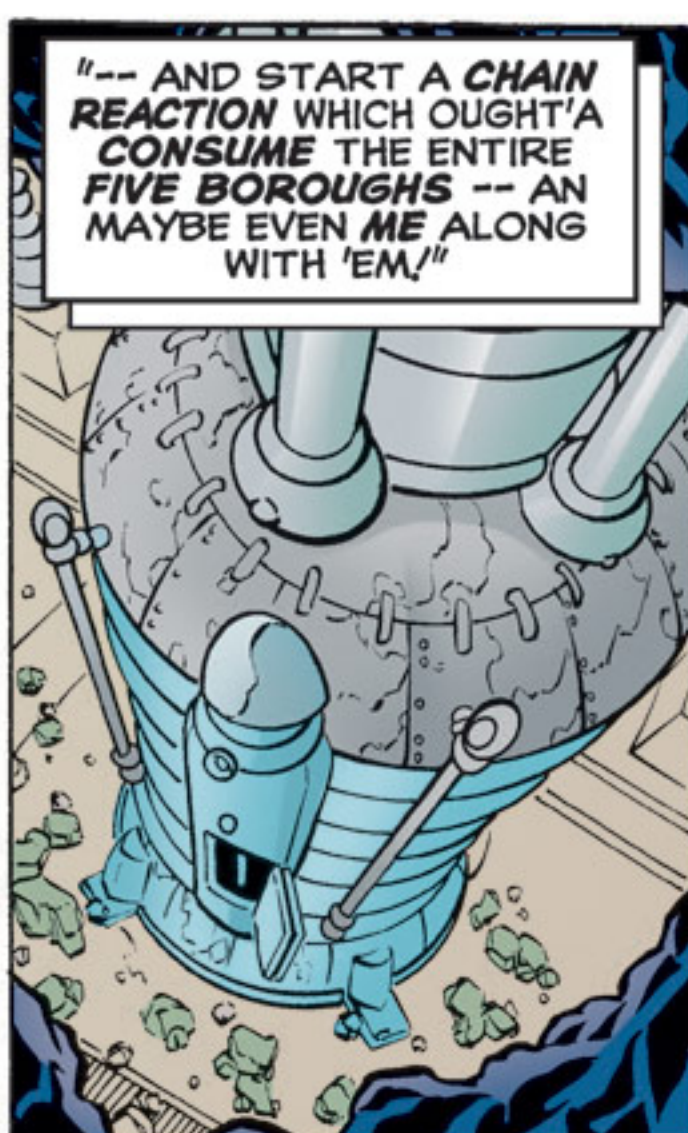


I EVEN WOULD'A GIVEN EVERYONE A CHANCE TO **EVACUATE!**

THAT WAS MY OLD PLAN. MY NEW ONE'S A LOT **SIMPLER AND MORE SPECTACULAR!**



"I'M JUST GONNA FIRE A SUPER-BLAST INTO THE CORE O'THE **CENTRAL SWITCHING GENERATOR** --



"-- AND START A **CHAIN REACTION** WHICH OUGHT'A **CONSUME** THE ENTIRE **FIVE BOROUGHS** -- AN MAYBE EVEN **ME** ALONG WITH 'EM!"



I'M AFRAID HE'S DEADLY **SERIOUS!**

WE HAVE ONLY ONE HOPE. I HAVE TO SUMMON ENOUGH STRENGTH FOR A **LETHAL PSI-BOLT!**

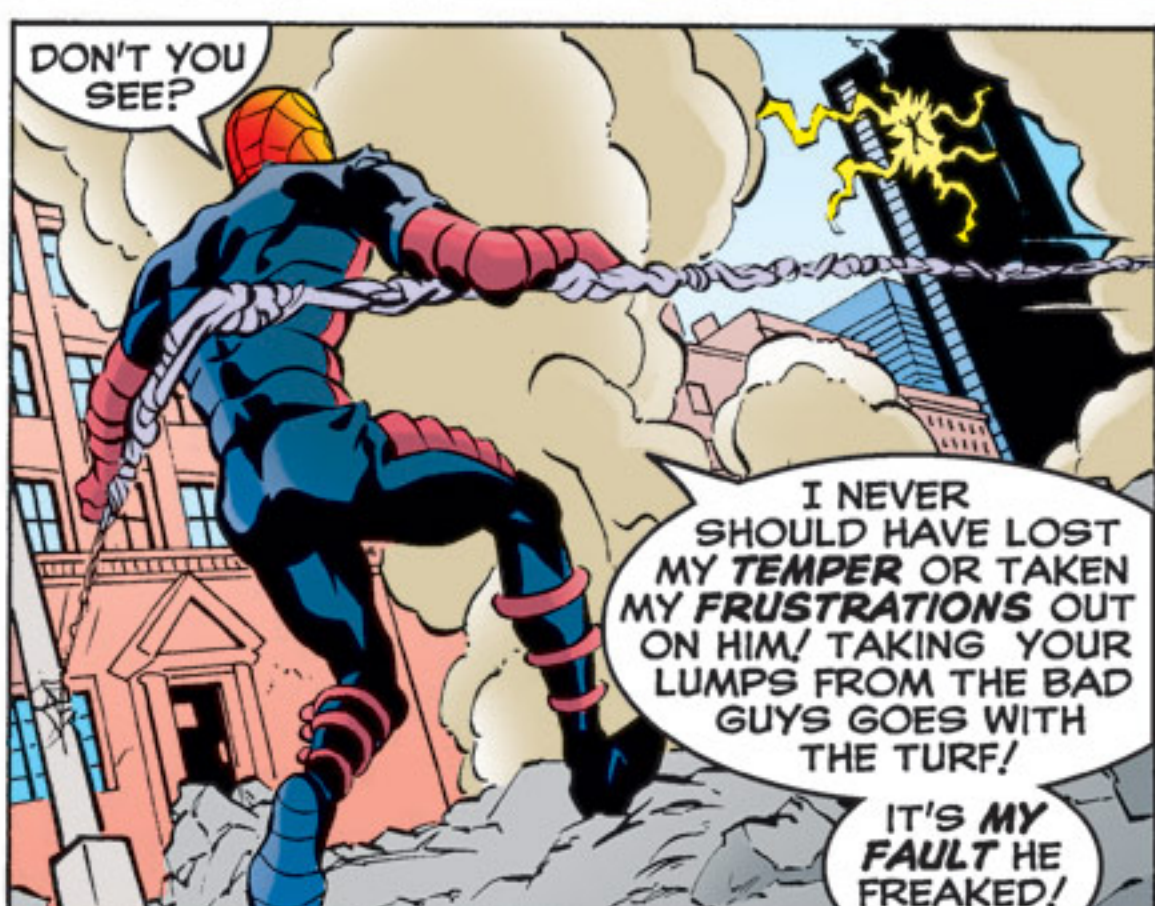
NO, NATE!
No!



HOLD OFF AS LONG AS POSSIBLE!

I WANT TO TRY TO BRING HIM IN!

WHY TAKE THE RISK?



DON'T YOU SEE?

I NEVER SHOULD HAVE LOST MY **TEMPER** OR TAKEN MY **FRUSTRATIONS** OUT ON HIM! TAKING YOUR LUMPS FROM THE BAD GUYS GOES WITH THE TURF!

IT'S MY **FAULT** HE FREAKED!





NO BIGGIE!

I'LL JUST RECHARGE... AND TRY AGAIN!



YOU *FAILED*, SPIDER-MAN! YOU *COULDN'T* BEAT ME!

LET THAT BE YOUR *LAST* THOUGHT --

-- AS YOU BECOME INTIMATELY *ACQUAINTED* WITH THE GROUND!



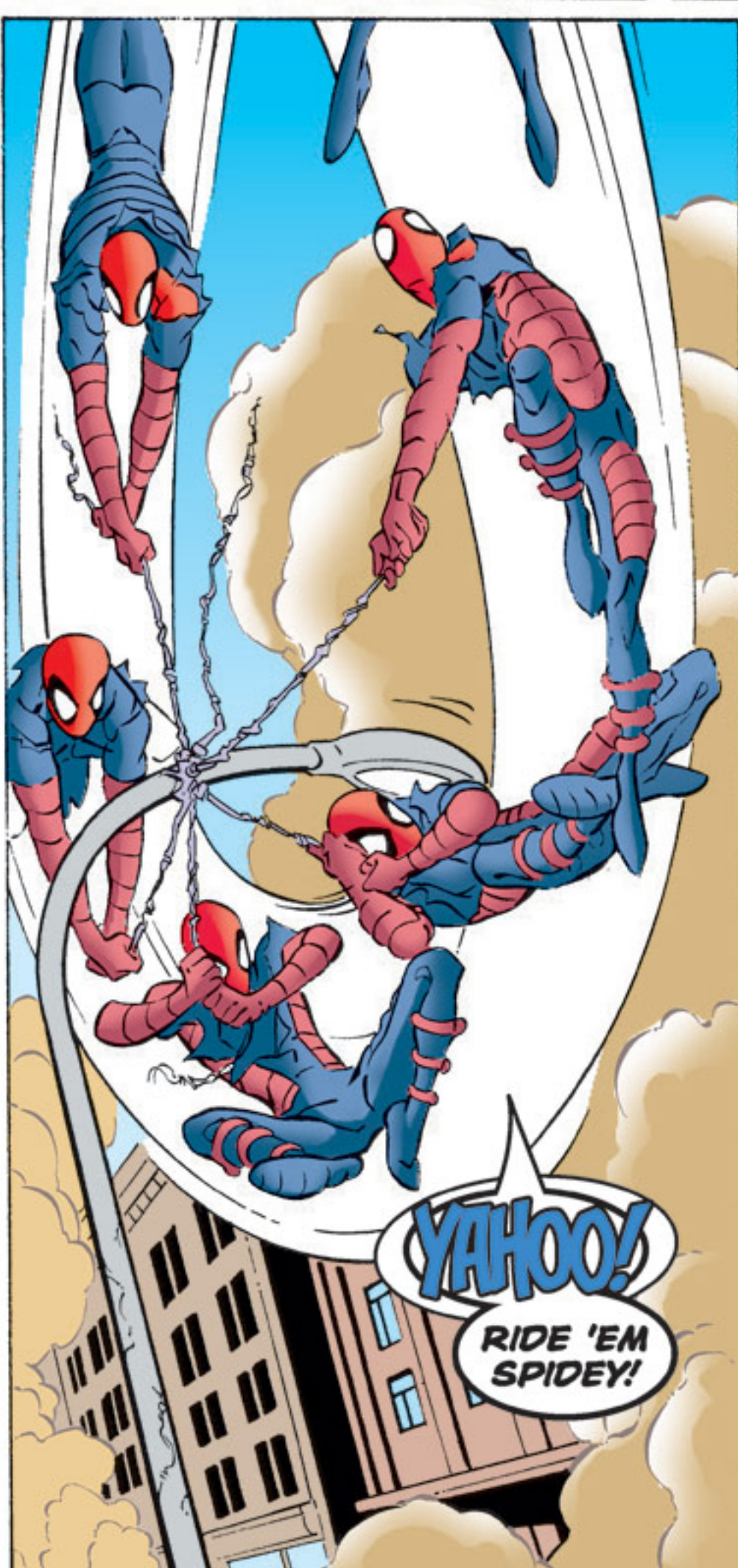
IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, I'LL JUST ENJOY THE COOL AND REFRESHING RUSH OF THE WIND ACROSS MY MASK --



-- AS I RIVET MY ATTENTION ON THAT *LAMPOST* DEAD AHEAD!

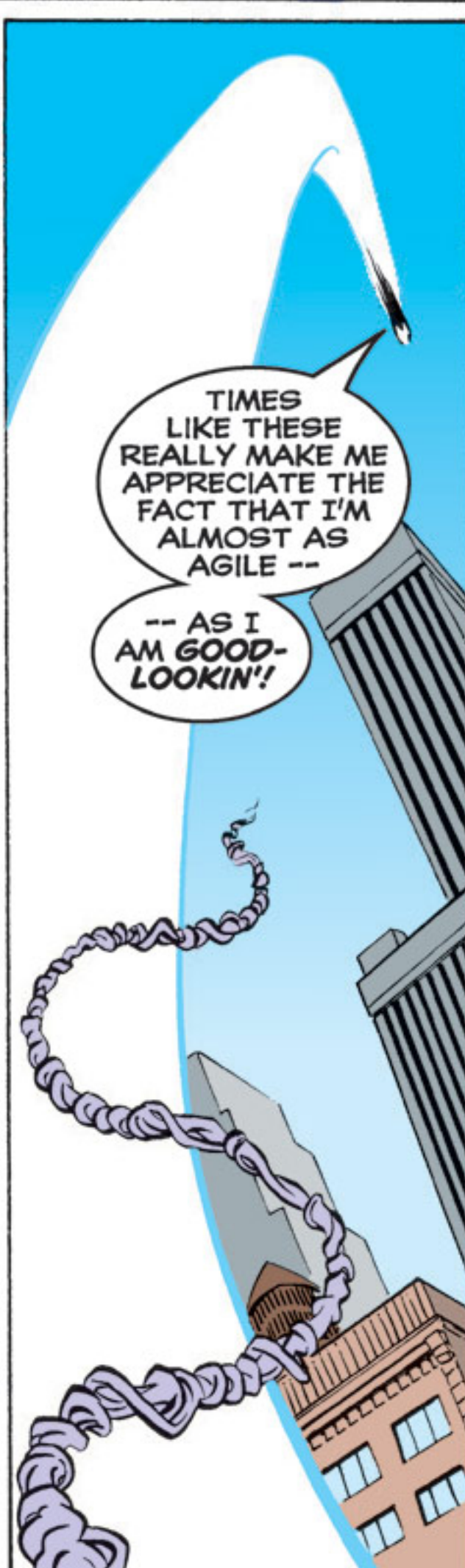
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WITH A LITTLE LUCK AND A LOT OF SKILL, EVERYONE'S FAVORITE WEBHEAD WILL KEEP ON SWINGING!



YAHOO!

RIDE 'EM SPIDEY!



TIMES LIKE THESE REALLY MAKE ME APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT I'M ALMOST AS AGILE --

-- AS I AM *GOOD-LOOKIN'*!



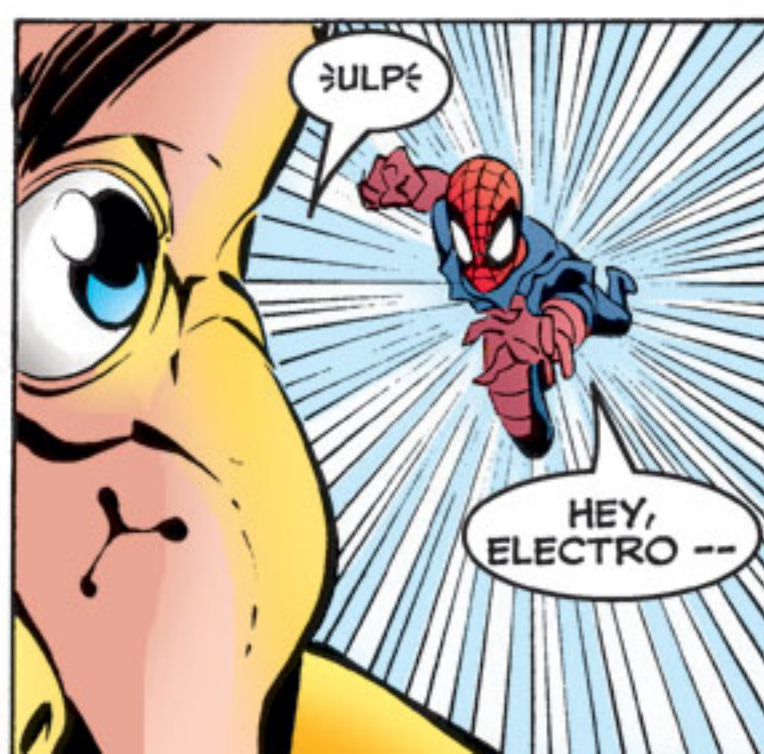
I'VE GOT TO *CONCENTRATE!*

HAVE TO BRING MY INTERNAL CURRENT UP TO *MAXIMUM OUTPUT* --

-- TAP INTO THE ELECTRICAL FORCE AS I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE!



I'M ABOUT TO CAUSE THE BIGGEST *OVERLOAD* IN HISTORY, AND --



YULP!

HEY, ELECTRO --

